

Steve Ziskinder holds his twin sons, Adam and Ryan, as he reacts to baseball fans singing "God Bless America" during the seventh inning of a baseball game in Miami, Monday, Sept. 3, 2012, between the Milwaukee Brewers and Miami Marlins. They were celebrating Labor Day by attending their 20th game of the season. The Marlins won 7-3.

(AP Photo/J Pat Carter)

By BRIAN FRIEDMAN
JULIE CARR SMYTH

Associated Press

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Parades, picnics and politicians celebrated the American worker on Labor Day, with President Barack Obama seeking votes from Ohio union members and rivals for Senate seats

marching in Massachusetts and Virginia. But for many, Monday's holiday was a last chance to enjoy a final summer cook-out, a good ball game with family, a roller coaster ride or day at the beach. Or perhaps even a stroll from Michigan's Upper Peninsula to its Lower Peninsula —

along the longest suspension bridge in the Western Hemisphere. Politics was a big part of Labor Day, the time when much of the public usually starts to pay attention to the campaigns.

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Iran opens nuclear plant to Mongolia's president

BY NASSER KARIMI
 Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran on Monday gave Mongolia's president a tour of its main uranium enrichment plant, the first time that it has opened the site to a foreign leader.

The visit by President Tsakhia Elbegdorj followed a summit of nonaligned nations in Tehran that Iranian officials hoped would show the failure of Western sanctions to isolate Iran diplomatically.

State TV showed Elbegdorj inspecting centrifuges used to enrich uranium at the facility in the central Iranian town of Natanz.

The West says Iran's nuclear program aims at developing weapons technology, but Iran says it is for peaceful purposes such as power generation and cancer treatment.

Mongolia is said to be building its first nuclear power plant and mining uranium with the help of Russia. Iran has often said it is will-

ing to transfer its nuclear expertise to other countries. The TV broadcast said the Mongolian leader was al-

claim about the peaceful purposes of its nuclear program.

"This site is a unique place.



This satellite image supplied by the ISIS shows what they say are buildings, seen at center and top, shrouded with a pink tarp to stop the U.N nuclear agency from monitoring Tehran's efforts to sanitize a site which they suspect was used for secret work on atomic weapons at the Parchin military complex southeast of Tehran, Iran. On Monday, Iran gave Mongolia's president a tour of its main uranium enrichment plant, the first time that it has opened the site to a foreign leader.

(AP Photo/ISIS)

lowed to visit whatever he wanted in the plant. It suggested that Elbegdorj endorsed the Iranian

Maybe in other countries it is not possible to visit such a sensitive place," he was quoted as saying. □

Pakistan:

U.S. vehicle rammed by suicide bomber

ISMAIL KHAN
 SALMAN MASOOD
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PESHAWAR, Pakistan — A suicide bomber rammed his explosives-laden vehicle into a sport-utility vehicle belonging to the U.S. Consulate in the northwestern city of Peshawar on Monday morning, Pakistani and U.S. officials said, in one of the most brazen attacks

against Americans in the country in recent years. There were conflicting reports about the number and nationality of the casualties. Pakistani officials said at least two people were killed and at least 13 were injured, including two police officers. The U.S. Embassy in Islamabad confirmed the attack and said in a statement that two Ameri-

cans and two Pakistani employees of the consulate were injured. It denied early reports that an American had been killed. A senior Pakistani government official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a U.S. backup vehicle immediately retrieved the four who were wounded inside the SUV and took them to the consulate. □

Quebec separatist party seeking return to power

PHIL COUVRETTE

Associated Press

GATINEAU, Quebec (AP)

— Voters in Quebec head to the polls Tuesday in an election that may see a separatist party return to power, potentially placing the French-speaking province on course for another referendum to break away from Canada.

Liberal leader Jean Charest, who has headed Quebec for nearly a decade, called an early election on Aug. 1, and has consistently trailed in the polls to Pauline Marois' Parti Quebecois. But some polls indicate Marois — who could become the province's first female premier — may not have enough votes to obtain a majority of the seats in the Quebec Assembly, undermining efforts to quickly hold a referendum on separation. Quebec has held two referendums to split from Canada, in 1980 and 1995, the last narrowly rejecting independence.

Polls show there's little appetite for a new referendum and Marois herself has left much uncertainty about if and when one would be held under a PQ government. A recent poll showed support for independence under 30 percent but analysts say voters are weary of the Liberals after three terms in office and the PQ are expected to benefit from that.

The PQ has said once elected it would seek a transfer of powers from the federal government in areas like employment insurance and immigration policy. The PQ believes if this is turned down it would bolster their

case that Quebec should be a separate country.

The campaign has been a three-way race involving a new party, Coalition Avenir Quebec, headed by a former PQ minister who says the separation issue has paralyzed the province for far too long. Charest called the election more than a year before he had to, citing unrest in the streets due to this spring's student protests over tuition hikes. The most sustained student protests ever to take place in Canada began in February, resulting in about 2,500 arrests. Polls showed the Quebecois were more likely to side with the government on the need for a tuition hike, but they were divided on an emergency law brought in place to limit demonstrations. Politicians and rights groups have said the legislation restricts the right to demonstrate. But education was hardly a major topic during the campaign, Charest seeking to focus voters on the need to maintain a stable government promoting job creation during troubled global economic times instead of electing separatists who would create uncertainty. He stressed his province has largely been spared the economic hardships seen elsewhere in the West. Charest has notably touted a northern development plan, the Plan Nord, which his party says would see \$80 billion in public and private investment over the next 25 years in areas such as mining and energy, creating thousands of jobs annually and benefiting the entire province. □

Valero to utilize Aruba refinery as fuel storage facility

DAVID McFADDEN

Associated Press

ORANJESTAD, Aruba (AP)

— Valero Energy Corp. announced Monday that it will convert its shuttered oil refinery on the southern Caribbean island of Aruba into a fuel storage facility, leaving hundreds of employees jockeying for positions at the downsizing operation. The San Antonio, Texas-based company suspended refining operations in March at the Aruba refinery, which processed heavy, sour crude and once had a capacity of about 275,000 barrels a day. It said it stopped producing gasoline and other fuels at the site due to high oil prices and “unfavorable refinery economics.”

On Monday, Valero announced that it had decided to reorganize the

unprofitable site into a storage terminal on the Dutch Caribbean island of just over 100,000 inhabitants. For years, Valero has been trying unsuccessfully to sell the Aruba refinery, which the company says is still ready to restart if a buyer can be found.

Valero Chairman and CEO Bill Klesse said Aruba's deep-water and smaller berths will give the terminal flexibility to load the biggest crude ships. “We believe that Aruba has the assets to compete as a world-scale crude and refined products terminal,” Klesse said in a statement. The company's local subsidiary has notified employees that it will require a significantly smaller workforce. The reorganization and workforce reduction is expected to be completed before the end



Valero Executive Director of Media Relations Bill Day speaks to Tito Lacle, Managing Editor of Caribbean Speed Printers, Monday, September 03, 2012. “Valero hasn't determined the number of employees to staff the terminal operations yet; that will be done over the next several days in meetings with employees and union representatives,” Day said.

of the year. From Aruba, Valero spokesman Bill Day said about 600 employees are currently at the site. They were kept on the payroll during the suspension of refinery operations.

“Valero hasn't determined the number of employees to staff the terminal operations yet; that will be done over the next several days in meetings with employees and union representatives,” Day said. A spokesman for the Independent Oil Workers Union of Aruba did not immediately return calls for comment on Monday.

At a press conference, Prime Minister Mike Eman said he is hopeful a new buyer or partnership can be found and refinery operations can restart. He said there are “different groups still interested in the refinery” but declined to pro-

vide specifics. Aruba must find a way to offset the economic damage if the restart doesn't happen, he said. “But we know we have a valuable partner that will remain part of the Aruban economy, which is Valero,” Eman told reporters.

Valero said it will continue to invest in Aruba with upgrades to the terminal. It will also continue to supply gas, diesel, jet fuel and fuel oil to the island just north of Venezuela. In recent years, the company has said it represented more than 12 percent of Aruba's gross domestic product.

Refineries in the Caribbean and on the U.S. East Coast have struggled in recent years because the crude oil they use has been priced higher than the oil available to refiners in the middle of the U.S. □

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US Labor Day marked with parades, politics and pride

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Terence Glaze, a 47-year-old firefighter, waited to catch a glimpse of Obama's motorcade at the president's speech in Toledo, but his two young sons were eager to get to the movies instead.

"It's a time for the family to be together and just spend time with one another. That's the most important aspect," Glaze said.

"But I do also think about the sacrifices unions have made, as it relates to wages, as it relates to safety issues," he added.

At his speech to members of the United Auto Workers and United Steelworkers, Obama noted his decision to rescue automakers General Motors and Chrysler in 2009 — a move opposed by his rival, Republican nominee Mitt Romney.

"If America had thrown in the towel like that, GM and Chrysler wouldn't exist today," Obama said. "The suppliers and the distributors that get their business from these companies would have died off, too. Then even Ford could have gone down as well."

Romney supporter Kenneth Harbin, a member of the University of Toledo College Republicans, waved signs for his candidate outside the rally and scoffed at Obama's decision to visit the labor stronghold.

"He's gotta come home and say, 'Here's what I did for you. Now here's what you can do for me,'" Harbin said.

Getting union voters in Ohio to turn out in November will

be crucial for Democrats. About 650,000 workers in the state — or 13 percent — are union members. The national average is just less than 12 percent.

Union worker Mike Schrein-

er showed up for Toledo's annual Labor Day parade because he loves the bands, the school teams and the hot dogs.

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tains, marchers dodged downpours from the remnants of Hurricane Isaac in a traditional parade featuring vintage stock cars and both candidates in the U.S. Senate race.



Vice President Joe Biden speaks at the Metro Detroit AFL-CIO Labor Day Rally, Monday, Sept. 3, 2012, in Detroit.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

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"All the kids line up and we throw Frisbees and get the candy out to 'em. They won't even have to do any trick or treatin' this year — they got enough candy," said Schreiner, 57.

More than 300 people marched in the Charlotte, N.C., Labor Day Parade, an overwhelmingly pro-Obama event a day before Tuesday's kickoff of the Democratic National Convention.

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Democrat Tim Kaine and Republican George Allen walked the 1½-mile route — separately.

In another hotly contested race, Massachusetts's Republican U.S. Sen. Scott Brown and Democratic challenger Elizabeth Warren both marched in Monday's Labor Day parade in Marlborough, west of Boston.

There was a 5-mile march in Michigan, led by Gov. Rick Snyder. He and thousands of people walked across the Mackinac Bridge linking the state's Upper and Lower peninsulas in a popular Labor Day tradition. □

Wildfire spreads, dimming LA-area Labor Day plans

Associated Press

GLENDORA, Calif. (AP) —

A wildfire northeast of Los Angeles spoiled the Labor Day plans of thousands of visitors to the Angeles National Forest as firefighters bore down Monday for what figured to be a long fight against the big blaze.

A day after the wildfire broke out near a campground and forced the evacuation of thousands of campers and picnickers it had grown to more than 4,100 acres, or roughly 6 square miles, and was just five percent contained.

Officials set up an incident management team early Monday morning to map out a long-term strategy to battle the blaze, U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Angie Lavell said. Only light winds were blowing in the area, and the flames continue to burn deeper into a wilderness area away from any structures. Campgrounds that typically attract up to 12,000 visitors on the holiday weekend, as well as rehabilitation centers and the private community of Camp Williams Resort, were evacuated on Sunday. The Red Cross has set up an evacuation center at Glendora High School. The forest is heavily used by Southern California residents because it is close to populated areas. Officials said campgrounds, while not in the line of the fire, had to be emptied so that the only road in and out of the San Gabriel Canyon could be open just for fire trucks and emergency vehicles. □



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A divided nation awaits Obama nomination

STEVEN R. HURST
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats assemble Tuesday to re-nominate Barack Obama for the presidency, to sell him as the wise and humane alternative to Republican challenger Mitt Romney, a pitch that will be repeated endlessly over the next two months to an American electorate that is more politically divided than at any time in at least a quarter century.

As they watch the political stagecraft, there may be only one thing all Americans can agree on: Deep concern over the struggling American economy that has made only a halting recovery from the Great Recession and near meltdown of the U.S. financial sector just before Obama took office 3 1/2 years ago. Through the course of the Democratic National Convention this week, Obama and his party will be fighting Romney's argument that the president has failed and will only lead the country deeper into debt and economic despair. That was the Republican theme at their national convention last week in Tampa, Florida. For his part, Obama set the tone for the Democratic gathering in Charlotte, North Carolina, declaring Monday that Romney's governing prescriptions are something out of the past century.

"Despite all the challenges that we face in this new century, we saw three straight days of an agenda out of the last century. It was a rerun. You might as well have watched it on black-and-white TV," Obama told an audience of auto workers in Toledo, Ohio. Obama is making a slow circuit of campaign stops in key battleground

states before coming to North Carolina later in the week to accept his re-nomination.

Later Monday, Obama broke off the campaign trail to console victims of Hurricane Isaac along the flooded Louisiana coast. He vowed government officials would find out "what can we do to make sure it doesn't happen again."

At times like these, "nobody's a Democrat or a Republican, we're all just Americans looking out for one another," said the president, flanked by local and state officials from both parties, after inspecting some of the damage inflicted by the storm and hugging some of its victims. Romney paid a similarly nonpartisan visit last Friday to the flooded region but made no reference at the time to federal aid.

Obama has been and will be arguing that Romney brings nothing more to his quest for the White House than plans and policies that are a reprise of those employed by former Republican President George W. Bush, under whose



President Barack Obama speaks with Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal as he arrives at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport in Kenner, La., Monday, Sept. 3, 2012.
(AP Photo/Jonathan Bachman)

watch the Great Recession began and the financial collapse occurred.

Most Americans still hold Bush responsible for the start of the economic difficulties afflicting the U.S., but they are split on which candidate is best equipped to return the country to robust growth. Obama foresaw the difficulties he faced in a Chicago speech on the cold night of his victory as the nation's first African-American president nearly four years ago.

"The road ahead will be long," he said solemnly that November night in Chicago, displaying none of the euphoria of his supporters. "Our climb will be steep. We may not get there in one year, or even one term. But, America, I have never been more hopeful than I am tonight that we will get there."

That's a message Obama will have to repeat vigorously under attack from Romney who contends the president is a nice guy who has failed to make things better. □



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Ohio unions face tough battle with super PACs

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — From a line of cubicles inside a union headquarters here, phone-bank volunteers hunched over laptop computers, improvising into their headsets their own versions of an anti-Mitt Romney script, which asserted that he had played a role in factories that closed, wages that dropped, workers who were fired. “I know, I know — it gets maddening sometimes with all the ads out there,” Travis Long, a member of the United Food and Commercial Workers, replied to a disenfranchised voter on the line, then pressed on with the script and waited for his computer to dial another

home.

As unions around the nation plunge in earnest into another election season of phone banks, door-to-door canvasses and literature drops, they find themselves confronting a political landscape that is more daunting than any they have faced in decades. Conservative super PACs, financed with unlimited donations from corporations and wealthy individuals, have saturated Ohio and other battleground states with ads against President Barack Obama. Whether the labor movement and its vaunted ground game can counterbalance this flood of money and media is a question that few political observers can answer. But many believe that



Brianna McKay, of the Ohio Education Association, leaves after a small rally at the Firefighter's Union Hall in Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 28, 2012. As unions around the nation plunge in earnest into another election season of phone banks, door-to-door canvasses and literature drops, they are confronting conservative “super PACs.”

(Andrew Spear/The New York Times)

how this matchup plays out could determine who wins several crucial battleground states, including this one. “It’s clear now that the Republican super PACs are going to outspend Obama massively,” said Joseph A. McCartin, a Georgetown University professor who has written extensively about unions’ role in politics. “That’s where I think labor’s true importance will be highlighted this time. Whether what labor can do is enough is yet to be seen.” Labor leaders say unions will spend \$400 million in this year’s federal, state and local elections, about the same as in 2008. Predictions about spending by conservative groups — including Americans for Prosperity, Restore Our Future and Karl Rove’s American Crossroads — suggest they may together spend at least \$800 million on federal elections. But precise comparisons are difficult. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, corporate PACs and corporate employees made \$2 billion in political donations during the 2008 campaign, compared with \$75 million from labor unions, based on Federal Election Commission filings. The union number does not include individual donations from union members, and includes only a small fraction of what unions spend on politics, like amounts for campaign mailings to members and for political staff members who lobby Congress, state capitals and city halls. □

Festive climate at NY’s West Indian Day Parade

**MEGHAN BARR
Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — People waved flags from their front stoops, drumbeats filled the air and women in brightly colored sequined costumes and feather head-dresses danced to reggae music as they marched Monday in the West Indian Day Parade. The festive climate prevailed a year after violence marred the annual celebration, which celebrates the culture of the Caribbean islands and is one of the city’s largest outdoor events.

In 2011, a bystander was killed by a stray bullet hours

after the parade when police fired on an armed suspect.

“The plan for today is to

have a peaceful event,” Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said after a pre-parade breakfast. “We

have a lot of police officers deployed to make certain it’s as peaceful and safe as it can be.” □



Costumed participants in the West Indian Day Parade share a moment as they make their way along Eastern Parkway in the Brooklyn borough of New York Monday Sept. 3, 2012.

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How the plan to help Stockton pay pensions backfired

MARY WILLIAMS WALSH
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Jeffrey A. Michael, a finance professor in Stockton, Calif., took a hard look at his city's bankruptcy this summer and thought he saw a smoking gun: a dubious bond deal that bankers had pushed on Stockton just as the local economy was starting to tank in spring 2007, he said.

Stockton sold the bonds, about \$125 million worth, to obtain cash to close a shortfall in its pension plans for current and retired city workers. The strategy backfired, which is part of the reason the city is now in Chapter 9 bankruptcy. Stockton is trying to walk away from the pension obligation

bonds and to renegotiate other debts.

After reviewing an analysis of the bond deal, underwritten by the ill-fated investment bank, Lehman Brothers, and watching a recording of the Stockton City Council meeting where Lehman bankers pitched the deal, Michael concluded that "Stockton is entitled to some relief, due to deceptive and misleading sales practices that understated the risk."

"Lehman Brothers just didn't disclose all the risks of the transaction," he said. "Their product didn't work, in the same way as if they had built a marina for the city and then the marina col-

lapsed."

Financial analysts and actuaries say essentially the same pitch that swayed Stockton has been made thousands of times to local governments all over the country — and that many of them were drawn into

deals that have since cost them dearly.

Since virtually all pension obligation bonds turn on the same basic strategy that Stockton followed, Michael's research could be a road map for avoiding more such problems, or perhaps for

seeking redress. His analysis was part of his August economic forecast for the region, which he prepares as director of the Business Forecasting Center at the University of the Pacific.

The basic premise of all pension obligation bonds is that a municipality can borrow at a lower rate of interest than the rate its pension fund assumes its assets will earn on average over the long term. Critics contend that municipalities that try this are in essence borrowing money and betting it on the stock market, through their pension funds. The interest on pension obligation bonds is not tax-exempt for this reason.

The investors might thus have a case against Lehman, except that Lehman is now bankrupt. □



Stockton City Hall in Stockton, Calif., Aug. 29, 2012. A bond sale that was intended to help Stockton reduce a shortfall in pension money wound up making the problem worse, and now the city is in Chapter 9 bankruptcy.

(Peter DaSilva/The New York Times)

Tropical depression forms far out in Atlantic ocean

MIAMI (AP) — The 13th tropical depression of the Atlantic hurricane season formed far out in the ocean Monday and was posing no immediate threat to land.

The depression was located 1,350 miles northwest of the Cape Verde Islands on Monday afternoon and had maximum sustained winds of 35 mph, the National Hurricane Center in Miami said. It was creeping northwest at 3 mph and was expected to continue in a northwesterly direction.

The depression could strengthen into a tropical storm by Tuesday. A weather disturbance is considered a tropical storm when its winds have strengthened to between 39 mph to 73 mph. Storms become hurricanes when their winds reach a minimum of 74 mph.

Also in the Atlantic, Tropical Storm Leslie was moving north-northwest over open ocean on a track that could take it closer to Bermuda by Saturday. The storm, carrying winds of close to 60 mph, was causing potentially dangerous surf in parts of the Leeward Islands, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

In the eastern Pacific on Monday, Tropical Storm John formed near the Mexican island of Socorro but far from the mainland, the Hurricane Center said. John, with winds of 40 mph, was expected to stay at sea and weaken overnight. □

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Clinton to urge ASEAN unity on South China Sea

MATTHEW LEE

Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton called Monday for Southeast Asian states to present a united front to the Chinese in dealing with territorial disputes in the South China Sea to “literally calm the waters.” And she urged all involved to make “meaningful progress” on a process for ending conflicts by November.

In Indonesia's capital Clinton offered strong U.S. support for a regionally endorsed plan to ease rising tensions by implementing a code of conduct for all claimants to disputed islands. Jakarta is the headquarters of the Association of South East Asian Nations, and Clinton also pressed the group to insist that China agree to a formal mechanism to reduce short-term risks of conflict and ultimately come to final settlements over sovereignty.

“The United States has a national interest, as every country does, in the maintenance of peace and stability, respect for international law, freedom of navigation, unimpeded lawful commerce in the South China Sea,” Clinton told reporters at a news conference with Indonesian Foreign Minister Marty Natalegawa.

“The United States does not take a position on competing territorial claims ...

but we believe the nations of the region should work collaboratively to resolve disputes without coercion, without intimidation and certainly without the use of force,” she said. “That is why we encourage ASEAN and China to make meaningful progress toward finalizing a comprehensive code of conduct in order to establish rules of the road and clear procedures for peacefully addressing

in 2002.

Clinton said the U.S., wants to see the disputes resolved between China and ASEAN. It said the alliance has collective clout that its 10 members do not have individually, adding that the U.S. sees it as important for ASEAN and China to have something to show for their efforts by a November summit of East Asian leaders that President Barack Obama plans to attend in

is certainly in everyone's interest that we do so.”

Natalegawa agreed with Clinton on the importance of the code of conduct and the need to set it up quickly.

“We must try to have the code of conduct,” he said. “Absent a code of conduct, absent the diplomatic process, we can be certain of more incidents and tension for our region. Absent an ASEAN unity, the question will become like a loose cannon in the way the issue is discussed.”

China and a host of Southeast Asian countries, including the Philippines, Vietnam and Brunei, have overlapping claims to several small, but potentially energy-rich areas of the South China Sea. The U.S. position has riled China, which has become increasingly assertive in pressing its territorial claims with its smaller neighbors and wants the disputes to be resolved individually with each country, giving it greater leverage than dealing with a bloc.

In July, China angered the United States, as well as Vietnam and the Philippines, by creating a city and military garrison on a remote island 220 miles (350 kilometers) from its southernmost province intended to administer hundreds of thousands of square miles (kilometers) of water where China wants to strengthen its control over disputed islands. □



US State Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton, center, walks with Indonesian Foreign Minister Marty Natalegawa after their meeting in Jakarta, Indonesia, Monday, Sept. 3, 2012.

(AP Photo/Dita Alangkara)

disagreements.”

Indonesia has played a leading role in putting the six-point plan together after ASEAN was unable to reach consensus on the matter in July. Clinton said the U.S. is “encouraged” by the plan but wants it acted on — particularly implementation and enforcement of the code of conduct, which has languished since a preliminary framework for it was first agreed

Cambodia.

“It is time for diplomacy,” she said. “We have the East Asia Summit coming up. This should be the goal that diplomacy pursues to try to attain agreement ... on a robust code of conduct to begin and begin to try to literally calm the waters and enable people to work together toward better outcomes. I think we can make progress before the East Asia Summit and it

World Briefs

Dutch court convicts boy in stabbing

ARNHEM, Netherlands (AP) — A Dutch court has convicted a 15-year-old boy of murdering a teenage girl after she argued with another girl on a social networking site — a case that shocked the Netherlands because of the age of the killer and his victim. Arnhem District Court on Monday sentenced the youth, identified only as Jin-hua K., to one year in prison — the maximum punishment for a minor. Judges also ordered him to undergo psychiatric treatment at a juvenile detention center for three years. Judges say K. stabbed to death 15-year-old Joyce Hau at her home Jan. 14 and then attempted to kill her father. Prosecutors have charged the girl Hau allegedly argued with and another boy with arranging for K. to carry out the stabbing. Dutch media dubbed the case the “Facebook slaying.”

Gunman in Helsinki kills his father

HELSINKI (AP) — A gunman is suspected of shooting and killing his father in downtown Helsinki close to the Finnish capital's central rail station, police said. No one else was wounded. The shooting Monday afternoon had caused some panic in the streets. The suspect — “a young man of 19 or 20” was caught near the scene and did not resist arrest, police said.

A witness, Jawhar Mustafa Bashda, told the Helsinki Sanomat daily that he chased a man who came running out of a restaurant, caught him and handed him over to police. Bashda said the young man “said he had killed his father ... because his father had done so much bad to him during his life.” Police gave no other details pending an investigation. □

Russia warns Britain over visa ban on officials

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia sternly warned Britain on Monday that it will respond tit-for-tat if London imposes any travel restrictions that would target Russian officials allegedly involved in the prison death of a Russian lawyer.

Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Lukashevich said that Moscow asked London about a Sunday Times report claiming that British authorities had compiled a list of 60 Russian officials who could be denied entry over their alleged involvement in Sergei Magnitsky's death in November 2009.

“Obviously if London introduces any sanctions against Russian citizens Russia will respond appropriately in line

with diplomatic practice,” Lukashevich said.

Magnitsky died in custody of untreated pancreatitis after being arrested by the same Russian government officials he had accused of corruption. His case further tarnished Russia's rights record and prompted the U.S. House of Representatives to pass a bill in June targeting Russian officials involved in the case. The Kremlin has responded angrily to the American action and threatened to take countermeasures.

Russia's ties with Britain already were strained by the 2006 poisoning death of Alexander Litvinenko, a former security agent turned Kremlin critic.

Litvinenko, who died after ingest-

ing radioactive polonium, made a deathbed statement blaming Russia's President Vladimir Putin for the poisoning. Russia has rejected his accusations and dismissed the British demand to extradite the main suspect in the case, former KGB officer Andrei Lugovoi, who denies any involvement.

After a long freeze on high-level contacts, British Prime Minister David Cameron paid a visit to Moscow last September, and he met again with Putin last month when the Russian leader visited during the London Olympics. But despite their statements about needing to improve business ties, political differences have continued to strain British-Russian relations. □



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Assad determined to end Syriacrisis on battlefield at any cost

BASSEM MROUE
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — The Syrian regime said Monday there will be no dialogue with the opposition before the army crushes the rebels, the latest sign that President Bashar Assad is determined to solve the crisis on the battlefield even if many more of his people have to pay with their lives. The statement comes a day after activists reported that August was the bloodiest month since the uprising began in March 2011. "There will be no dialogue with the opposition prior to the Syrian army's imposi-

tion of security and stability in all parts of the country," Information Minister Omran al-Zoebe told reporters at a news conference in Damascus.

The opposition has long rejected any talks with the regime until Assad is removed from power.

Muhieddine Lathkani, an opposition figure based in Britain, responded to the minister's comments by saying "the key to any dialogue will be the departure of Assad and dismantling of the regime's security agencies that committed all these crimes."

Lathkani told The Associat-

ed Press by telephone that after that happens, there could be a dialogue.

Earlier in the day, the new U.N. envoy to Syria ac-

some 5,000 people were killed in August, the highest toll in the 17-month-old uprising and more than three times the monthly average.

volt.

The two major activists groups raised their total death toll for the entire revolt to at least 23,000 and as high as 26,000.

The civil war witnessed a major turning point in August when Assad's forces began widely using air power for the first time to try to put down the revolt. The fighting also reached Syria's largest city, Aleppo, which had been relatively quiet for most of the uprising.

Last week, Assad said in an interview that his armed forces will need time to defeat the rebels, an acknowledgement that his regime is struggling to defeat the tenacious rebels and another indication that the civil war will be even more drawn out and bloody.

In the latest violence on Monday, activists said more than 100 people were killed — many of them in two air raids that knocked out large parts of buildings in the northern province of Aleppo. □



Syrian Information Minister Omran al-Zoebe speaks during a press conference in Damascus, Syria, Monday, September 3, 2012. Al-Zoebe vowed that Syria will give the new U.N. envoy, Lakhdar Brahimi, "maximum assistance the way we did with Kofi Annan." The Assad regime made similar public statements when it signed on to Annan's peace plan, only to frequently ignore or outright violate its commitments, by failing to pull its troops out of cities or stop shelling opposition areas.

(AP Photo Bassem Tellawi)

knowledge that brokering an end to the civil war will be a "very, very difficult" task.

Activists on Sunday said

At the same time, the U.N. children's fund, UNICEF, said 1,600 were killed last week alone, also the highest figure for the entire re-

Gaza youth dies after setting himself on fire

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IBRAHIM BARZAK
Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — The death of a young Gaza man who set himself on fire because he could not find a job has sent shockwaves through this conservative territory and underscored growing despair among Palestinian youth. The self-immolation of 21-year-old Ihab Abu Nada was the first in Gaza, after a series of copycat deaths in the Middle East since a Tunisian youth set himself on fire in December 2010. That case triggered protests and revolutions that have swept across the Arab world, toppling dictatorships and touching off a civil war in Syria.

Gaza, a crowded strip of land between Israel and Egypt, has never been wealthy. Unemployment has usually been over 20 percent. Since the militant Hamas took over the territory in 2007, the economy has steadily worsened under an Israeli blockade.

Youth unemployment hovers around 50 percent, and a lack of hope is palpable — many young Gaza men take cheap, powerful pain killers to take the edge of reality. □

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Mining protests continue to plague South Africa

MICHELLE FAUL
Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — South African police and security guards fired rubber bullets and tear gas Monday at sacked gold miners who were attacking colleagues to block them from working, the mine owner said. Police said four people were wounded at the mine that used to be partially owned by the president's nephew. The clash at the Gold Fields mine east of Johannesburg, reported by police and Neal Froneman, the CEO of Gold One International, was the latest violence to

hit South Africa's mines in months of unrest. Company spokesman Sven Lunsche said some 12,000 of the company's workers "continue to engage in an unlawful and unprotected strike" that began Wednesday. He said it involved an internal dispute between local union leaders and members of the National Union of Mineworkers, the country's largest union. After apartheid ended in 1994, South Africa pressed to share the country's vast mineral wealth with its impoverished black majority. But the hoped-for result has

not occurred. A small black elite has become billionaires off mining while most South Africans continue to struggle against mounting unemployment, deeper poverty and a widening gap between rich and poor that makes the country one of the most un-

equal on Earth. The mine where the violence took place Monday has previous business ties to relatives of Nelson Mandela and President Jacob Zuma — and was the site where firebrand politician Julius Malema, an avowed enemy of Zuma, pledged last

week to make the nation's mines ungovernable. South Africa's mining unrest reached a bloody climax on Aug. 16 when police shot 112 striking workers, killing 34 of them, at a platinum mine at Marikana, northwest of Johannesburg. The state violence was reminiscent of apartheid days and has seriously damaged the government's image. Outrage at the police killings was exacerbated by prosecutors, who last week charged some 270 miners arrested at the scene with the murders and attempted murders of their striking co-workers — people who were killed by police. The National Prosecuting Authority was forced to retract Sunday, withdrawing the charges made under an apartheid-era law. On Monday, 91 arrested miners were released, much to the joy of their ululating and singing family members and supporters. But there were tears for the many more who remained in custody. □



Released mine workers celebrate their release at Ga-Rankuwa Magistrate's Court, Pretoria, South Africa, Monday, Sept. 3, 2012. The miners were among those arrested for public violence after the police opened fire on a group of striking mineworkers killing 34 and wounding 78 at Lonmin's Marikana platinum mine on August 16. South African police and security guards fired rubber bullets and tear gas Monday at sacked gold miners who were attacking colleagues to block them from working, the mine owner said. Police said four people were wounded at the mine that used to be partially owned by the president's nephew. (AP Photo)

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OSCE decries Azerbaijan-Armenia tensions

JIM HEINTZ
Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — International negotiators say Azerbaijan's pardoning of a military officer who murdered an Armenian officer has harmed attempts to establish peace between the countries. Azerbaijan in turn strongly defended the move, saying the pardon of Ramil Safarov is a consequence of Armenian occupation of a part of Azerbaijan. The Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan and

some adjacent territory has been under the control of Armenian troops and local ethnic Armenian forces since a 1994 cease-fire ended a six-year war that killed an estimated 30,000 people and drove about 1 million from their homes. Negotiators from Russia, the United States and France under the auspices of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe have led efforts since then to find a resolution to the conflict, but with little visible result.

The tensions rose sharply last week after Hungary repatriated Safarov, who had been sentenced to life imprisonment for the 2004 axe murder of Armenian Lt. Gurgen Makarian while both were in Hungary on a NATO language-training course. Hungary said Azerbaijan promised that Safarov would serve his sentence in a local prison, but he received a presidential pardon hours after returning and later was promoted from lieutenant to major. □

Hezbollah chief says group has no chemical weapons

BASSEM MROUE
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — The leader of Lebanon's militant Hezbollah said Monday the group has no chemical weapons but can still cause great damage to Israel if there is a war, linking his remarks to tension over Iran's nuclear program. Sheik Hassan Nasrallah told Lebanon's Al-Mayadeen TV in a rare live interview that Iranian officials told him they will strike at Israel and U.S. military bases in the region if Israel attacks Iran's nuclear facilities. Hezbollah has close links with Iran, which sends it money and weapons. Hezbollah retaliation against Israel after an attack on Iran is considered a significant possibility. The U.S. and its European allies believe Iran is aiming to become a nuclear power. Iran says its program is for the peaceful purposes of producing electricity and isotopes for medical use. Israeli leaders have indicated at an attack on Iran's nuclear facilities if they conclude that the international community has failed to halt Iran's nuclear program through sanctions and diplomacy. "What I heard from Iranian officials ... is that the re-

taliation will be huge, and Iran will not forgive a strike against its nuclear facilities," Nasrallah said. "The Zionist entity (Israel) will not be the only target. American bases in the region will be targets, too." The United States has military bases in different countries in the Gulf such as Qatar and Kuwait. "America takes responsibility for what Israel does," he said. "Wherever they (Iranians) can strike, they will." Nasrallah warned that in a war between Lebanon and Israel, his group has missiles that can hit targets throughout the country. He said Hezbollah does not need chemical or nuclear weapons, "but there are targets in Israel that (if hit) can achieve the same results," an apparent reference to Israel's nuclear reactors. Israel and Hezbollah fought an inconclusive monthlong war in 2006 that left 1,200 Lebanese and 160 Israelis dead. Hezbollah fired nearly 4,000 rockets at Israel during the war and is believed to have upgraded its arsenal since then. Nasrallah refused to say how many missiles and rockets his group although in the past he said they have more than 20,000. □

Israeli billionaire Dankner facing financial challenges

DANIEL ESTRIN
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — One of Israel's wealthiest businessmen may quickly be going from riches to rags, and experts warn he could drag Israel's economy down with him. Nochi Dankner, a favorite of Israel's business community who is often credited with helping rescue Israel's economy at the height of a Palestinian uprising, is struggling to keep his mammoth holding company above water. IDB Holding Corp., which controls a large piece of the Israeli economic pie — a large cellphone company, a major supermarket chain, an insurance company and a cement producer monopoly, among other concerns — announced over the weekend that it may not be able to pay tens of millions of dollars of debts in the coming year. The plight of Dankner has raised concern that his bondholders could lose on their investments and Israelis could see their retirement funds, heavily exposed to IDB investments, in danger. "We are now going through difficult times. It's not easy



Israeli businessman Nochi Dankner in the town of Netivot, southern Israel. Dankner, the blue-eyed darling of Israel's business community who is often credited with helping rescue Israel's economy at the height of the violence of the Palestinian uprising, is now struggling to keep his mammoth holding company

for any of us," Dankner began a letter to employees last weekend. Israel's finance minister, Yuval Steinitz, sought to douse the flames, estimating a

"less than one in a thousand" chance that Israeli citizens' pensions would be affected. Economists forecast a much gloomier picture should Dankner's company founder. Because so much of Israel's economy is controlled by Dankner's holding company, Israel is in more danger than the U.S. economy was in during the credit crisis of the late 2000s, said Daniel Doron, director of the Israel Center for Social and Economic Progress. "It's a domino effect," said Doron. "Creditors would lose money. A lot of people would lose jobs. It would be a great tragedy." The 58-year-old billionaire's downturn has come swiftly. Born to an aristocratic Israeli family with a powerful investment firm, Dankner made a mark in 1999 when he sold his shares in the firm to his relatives for \$100 million. □

Israel wants Hitler clothing shop in India renamed



Rajesh Shah, one of the owners of a store named Hitler, prepares a bill for a customer in Ahmadabad, India. After members of the Jewish community urged for a change in the name of the store, Rajesh Shah, one of the owners, said that he would make the change if compensated for re-branding costs.

(AP Photo/Ajit Solanki)

NEW DELHI (AP) — Israel has complained to the Indian state of Gujarat about a menswear shop there named "Hitler." Israel's consul general to

the city of Mumbai, Orna Sagiv, says she asked state officials Monday to intervene to help get the store's name changed. She said she tried to explain to them "how grave and serious the issue is." The shop opened last month with a huge sign reading "Hitler" and a Nazi swastika inside the dot in the letter "i." The owner said he didn't know about Hitler's history when the name was suggested by his partner, whose stern grandfather was nicknamed Hitler. The Nazi dictator who led the extermination of Jews in World War II Europe is a subject of routine fascination in India. □

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Red Bull heir arrested in deadly Thai hit-and-run

BANGKOK (AP) — A grandson of the creator of the Red Bull energy drink has been arrested for driving a Ferrari that struck a police officer and dragged his dead body down a Bangkok street in an early-morning hit-and-run, police said Monday. Police took Vorayuth Yoovidhya, 27, for questioning after tracing oil streaks for several blocks to his family's gated estate in a wealthy neighborhood of the Thai capital.

He was facing charges of causing death by reckless driving and escaping an arrest by police but was released on a 500,000 baht (\$15,900) bail. Vorayuth admitted he drove the charcoal gray sports car but said the police officer's motorcycle abruptly cut in front of his vehicle, said police Maj. Gen. Anuchai Lekbamroong, the lead investigator in the case.

Bangkok's top police official, Lt. Gen. Comronwit Toopgrajank, said he took



Vorayuth Yoovidhya, a grandson of late Red Bull founder Chaleo Yoovidhya, is taken by a plainclothes police officer for investigation Monday, Sept. 3, 2012 in Bangkok, Thailand. Vorayuth, believed to be in his late 20s, is suspected of driving a Ferrari that struck and killed a policeman and then dragged the officer's body down a Bangkok street in an early-morning, hit-and-run accident, police said Monday.

(AP Photo)

charge of the investigation after a lower-ranking policeman initially tried to cover up the crime by turning in a bogus suspect.

Comronwit himself led a team of officers to search the compound of late Red Bull founder Chaleo Yoovidhya, one of Thailand's

wealthiest men before he passed away this year, and confiscated a Ferrari with a badly damaged front bumper and broken windshield.

Brazil: 22 murders connected to local elections

JULIANA BARBASSA

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — There have been 22 murders connected to upcoming municipal campaigns for mayor or city council in Brazil during the past 60 days, leading 410 towns to ask for help from elite federal police, according to a report from O Globo newspaper on Monday.

The numbers leading up to the October elections are worrisome but not unusual, said Gilson Conzatti, the president of a national group representing city council members. Conzatti says local elections can threaten entrenched power structures that respond violently.

A survey of candidates in Brazil's 5,565 towns and cities by Conzatti's organization showed about 5 percent of candidates had suffered some threat or attack.

"Local elections mess with local power structures, and soon you have neighbor fighting with neighbor, shootings, aggression of all sorts," he said.

Often, the politicians themselves are unprepared to resolve differences at the ballot box, Conzatti said.

"If they really prized democracy and the respect for rights, they'd fight in the way they should fight -- with ideas, projects, attitudes," he said. "But unfortunately elections in Brazil are not always like this."

Political science researcher Ricardo Ismael of Rio de Janeiro's Catholic University agrees local elections in Brazil tend to be more violent than those for state or federal level office.

"Municipal elections introduce that local element, small towns with few police officers, where there are old political bosses who won't admit losing, and that go about defending their turf in an old fashioned way," Ismael said.

The federal troops serve an important role because they're neutral, outside forces, Ismael said. Local police are under the governor's control, and the governor or his party may have a candidate in the race. □

4 injured at Venezuela election drill

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Four people were injured in a shooting that erupted during a voting drill in western Venezuela, an opposition politician said Monday. The drill on Sunday went smoothly at most of the country's 1,500 polling stations. But Vicente Bello of the opposition A New Time party said supporters of President Hugo Chavez and of opposition candidate Henrique Capriles clashed outside a polling station in the western state of Zulia. Bello said four bodyguards of an opposition legislator were wounded in the shooting and were recovering at a hospital. Bello accused the bodyguards of local mayor Luis Ruda of firing shots while an opposition crowd was celebrating. Ruda, a Chavez ally, accused the bodyguards of opposition politician Freddy Gomez of firing. Police didn't immediately comment on the clash. Sporadic clashes and scuffles have broken out between supporters of Chavez and Capriles in the months leading up to the country's Oct. 7 presidential election. In July, stone-throwing Chavez supporters clashed with opposition sympathizers who joined Capriles as he led a march in a poor Caracas neighborhood. Police forced him to turn back without completing the march.

In an earlier incident on March 4, gunfire rang out while Capriles was visiting a traditionally pro-Chavez neighborhood in Caracas, injuring one supporter of the opposition leader. □



Paseo Herencia inaugurates the delicious month of September

September began with a tempting display of culinary virtuosity as the Palm Beach shopping/dining/entertainment center held the first of five Saturdays during the month that will showcase their many fine restaurants.

The Plaza Padu was laid out with lovely tables allowing visitors to the mall to sample the menus of Nobushi, Iguana Cantina, and TGI Friday's while sipping FREE MOJITOS graciously provided by Sky Lounge.

\$1.00 coupons were on sale at the parking cashier, to be redeemed for Chicken Fajitas, Fish Tacos, or a mouthwatering selection

of sushi, or succulent spare ribs. Sample sizes cost only \$2 or \$3, and fine vintages provided by Arion Wine Company were only \$2 a glass.

Well known steelpan artist Nel Schouten provided mellow background music. Shoppers enjoyed a thrilling taste of the acrobatics and graceful dance routines of the "Enchanted Aruba" show, which offered a special discounted entrance fee for the gourmet evenings.

Every Saturday until the end of the month, various restaurants within the mall will provide inexpensive samplings of their



menus, accompanied by a free show. September will end with a Celebrity Chef Showdown featuring famed cooking stars from Bravo and the Food Network coming to compete. The event is organized by Chef Antonio Albertsz of Sabor Aruba 2012. Three international culinary celebrities will square off against Aruba's own Ever de Pena, a chef known for his food art, and sous chef at the Manchebo Beach Resort. Ever and Antonio are both graduates of Aruba famed Culinary Institute of the EPI School.

Aruba's culinary artists will show the world what their talent and expertise against some of the acknowledged names in the field. "We look forward to Ever and Antonio showing these famous chefs just how well we cook here. We have no doubt they will teach them a thing or two, and invite everyone to en-

joy the show," commented Paseo Herencia General Manager Valerie Pietersz-Camacho.

The final Celebrity Chef Showdown will be on Saturday, September 29 from 7:30 to 11:30 PM. It will be an elegant affair on the rooftop of the Paseo Herencia parking garage, and VIP tickets are on sale. The pub-

lic is invited to come and watch the chefs do their magic, for no entrance fee. Until then, culinary delights will be offered every weekend in the Plaza Padu accompanied by entertainment. All are invited to enjoy a tasteful evening under the stars at Paseo Herencia shopping mall from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. □

At the Marriott Ocean Vacation Club: ATA says 'Masha Danki' to loyal guests!



Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a group of very loyal and friendly visitors at the Marriott Ocean Vacation Club as Ambassadors of Goodwill and Distinguished Visitors. The honorees were Quincy and Arnetta Hobbs, Andy and Karyn Drogowitz, and Rodney and Alisha Daab. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10-to-19 and 20-or-more consecutive years. All the hon-

orees are loyal members of the Marriott Ocean Vacation Club and they have one thing in common, they love Aruba very much because of the friendly people, the beaches, the beautiful weather, shopping, family atmosphere and the relaxation. The certificate was presented by Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, together with Gail Sahit and Lillian Britten, representing the Marriott Ocean Vacation Club. Congratulations on your honorary titles! □





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Serena Williams reacts after winning her match against Czech Republic's Andrea Hlavackova in the fourth round of play at the 2012 US Open tennis tournament, Monday, Sept. 3, 2012, in New York.

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Serena wins 6-0, 6-0 in U.S. Open 4th round

RACHEL COHEN
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Serena Williams didn't drop a game Monday as she moved into the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open. Roger Federer advanced with even less work when Mardy Fish pulled out of their fourth-round match for precautionary reasons. Fish missed about two months this season because of an accelerated heartbeat and had a medical procedure in May. Fish's agent said he wasn't sure if the problem related to his previous health issues. "I was reluctant to do so, but am following medical advisement," Fish said about his withdrawal in a statement. "I had a good summer and look forward to resuming my tournament schedule in the fall." The 30-year-old American's third-round match against Gilles Simon went five sets, lasting more than 3 hours and ending after 1 a.m. Sunday.

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MAC ATTACK



McIlroy takes over top spot in FedEx Cup

Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, holds the trophy after winning the Deutsche Bank Championship PGA golf tournament at TPC Boston in Norton, Mass., Monday, Sept. 3, 2012.

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Injured Nadal to miss at least next 2 months

NEW YORK (AP) — Rafael Nadal has a partially torn patella tendon in his left knee and will be sidelined for at least the next two months, including Spain's upcoming Davis Cup semi-final against the United States.

"I have to recover and I'll be back once the pain is gone," Nadal said in a website posting linked to his Twitter feed.

The 11-time Grand Slam champion has been out of action since losing in the second round of Wimbledon in late June.

"I have missed the Olympics and the U.S. Open in the last few weeks, two of the most important tournaments of the year and that I really wanted to play," Nadal said. "I really want to be back competing and enjoying the tennis tour, but I have many years in front of me and my knee needs some rest."

Originally, doctors told the



In this June 26, 2012, file photo, Rafael Nadal, of Spain, returns a shot against Thomaz Bellucci, of Brazil, during their match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon in London.

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Spaniard he had tendinitis in his left knee and needed to rest 15 days.

Nadal's statement said since the tear was diagnosed he has been receiving treatment that includes medication, physical therapy and a rehabilitation program.

"I feel better after the meeting with my doc-

gold medalist Andy Murray and No. 15 Milos Raonic of Canada.

Williams beat 82nd-ranked Andrea Hlavackova 6-0, 6-0 in 57 minutes. It was the first time in 62 career victories at Flushing Meadows that the three-time U.S. Open champion won a match without losing a game.

"She was fighting really hard," Williams said. "The match is never over until you shake hands. There is always a comeback available. So I didn't want to give her that opportunity to try to come back, especially her in particular. She was getting so pumped up and she never gave up. I thought that was really incredibly positive."

Williams had 31 winners and just seven unforced errors. She and sister Venus were to play doubles during Monday's night session in Arthur Ashe Stadium.

It didn't take long for Ser-

Rodriguez holds off Contador in Vuelta climb

CUITUNIGRU, Spain (AP)

— Joaquin Rodriguez is in prime position to win the Spanish Vuelta after holding off Alberto Contador on Monday during the most demanding leg of the race.

The mountainous 16th stage was won by Dario Cataldo of Italy.

Contador tried repeatedly to break away from his fellow Spaniard during the grueling final stretch after four special category climbs. Rodriguez pulled ahead as the riders neared the finish at the summit.

Rodriguez extended his lead by 6 seconds over Contador in the 21-stage race. He now leads the 2008 champion by 28 seconds as he nears what would be his first Vuelta victory.

Cataldo finished the 183.5-kilometer stage in 5 hours, 18 minutes, 28 seconds that finished at the winter resort of Valgrande-Pajares at 1,850 meters (6,100 feet) above sea level.

Thomas de Gendt of Bel-

gium was next, 7 seconds back. Rodriguez was 2:39 behind in third, followed by Contador.

"I've made a great step (to winning)," said Rodriguez, whose overall time is 63:38:24. "There's not much Vuelta left ... Luckily, I have these extra seconds under my belt."

Rodriguez sat on Contador's back wheel during the final five kilometers (3.1 miles) as the road narrowed with spectators lining both sides. The last 19 kilometers (11 miles) of the stage were all uphill.

"You exert so much on these ascents. You try not to empty yourself out too soon," Rodriguez said. "Alberto controlled it pretty well though."

Contador, a two-time Tour de France champion, paid tribute to Rodriguez after his failed breakaway and knowing there are few opportunities left before Sunday's finish.

"We arrived together, we both tried. Independent of the result, I can't take anything away from Joaquin

who has been so strong," said Contador, who missed this year's Tour because of a doping ban. "I'm happy with the work we've done. My legs were better today. I would have preferred a bad weather day, it could have helped me."

There has been little rain or wind during the 67th edition of the Spanish classic. Contador has one last chance to seize the leader's red jersey, on Saturday in the penultimate stage that ends with another testing mountain finish at Bola del Mundo.

"We've luckily had great weather so far. Let's hope it stays," said Rodriguez, the Giro d'Italia runner-up. Alejandro Valverde couldn't keep up with his fellow Spaniards on the final climb, finishing 2:58 back in fifth place to slip 2:04 behind Rodriguez in the standings.

Tour runner-up Christopher Froome dropped out of contention after finishing 5:11 behind Cataldo. The British cyclist is 4:52 back from Rodriguez. □

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Afterward, the 23rd-seeded Fish did not appear at a news conference. Tournament officials said he was getting treatment, but didn't give specifics.

"I am really sorry for Mardy. I just want to wish him a speedy recovery," Federer said in a statement. "We all want to see him back on tour soon."

Federer, in his 34th consecutive quarterfinal at a major tournament, will meet sixth-seeded Tomas Berdych, who defeated 11th-seeded Nicolas Almagro 7-6 (4), 6-4, 6-1.

No. 12 Marin Cilic of Croatia put together a 7-5, 6-4, 6-0 victory over 50th-ranked Martin Klizan of Slovakia, the last left-hander and unseeded man remaining in the draw, and will take on the winner of Monday night's match between London Olympic



Czech Republic's Tomas Berdych returns a shot to Spain's Nicolas Almagro in the fourth round of play at the 2012 US Open tennis tournament, Monday, Sept. 3, 2012, in New York.

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ena Williams to show Hlavackova where things were headed.

"The first point of the whole match," Hlavackova explained, "when I served, and she returned, like, a 100 mph forehand return, I was like, 'OK, I know who I'm playing. You don't have

to prove it to me. I know.'" Monday's match was less than 15 seconds old. It might as well have been over.

Dominant from the moment she ripped that return of an 88 mph (142 kph) second serve, forcing Hlavackova into an out-

of-control backhand that sailed well long, to the moment she powered a 116 mph (187 kph) service winner on the last point.

Hlavackova, a 2011 French Open doubles champion, had never been past the second round in singles at a major tournament before this year.

"My coach warned me to not go on the court and play for a score," Hlavackova said, by which she meant just trying to keep it as close as possible. "I was in the match. I was trying to figure out how to win. And when it was, like, 6-love, 4-love, 30-love, I was thinking, 'Well, I'm not playing for a score, but one game wouldn't hurt.'"

Williams — who lost in doubles with older sister Venus on Monday night — will next face former No. 1 Ana Ivanovic, who is finally back in a Grand Slam quarterfinal more than four years after her French Open title. □

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Rory McIlroy holds on to win Deutsche Bank

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer
NORTON, Massachusetts (AP) — Rory McIlroy got the start he wanted Monday at the Deutsche Bank Championship, erasing a three-shot deficit in just five holes. The finish was hardly a masterpiece, except for the part when golf's No. 1 player posed with the trophy.

Boy Wonder didn't make it easy on himself at the TPC Boston. He tore up the turf on a tee shot that traveled 170 yards, and that was the only fairway he hit over the last five holes.

He had to make a 6-foot putt to save par from a bunker, and a 5-foot putt to save bogey after a pitch sailed from one side of the green to the other. And he had to wait as Louis Oosthuizen's birdie putt to force a playoff slid below the hole.

"I had a couple of wobbles coming in, but I obviously did enough and I'm very excited to get a victory," McIlroy said.

That's all anyone will remember.

On a leaderboard packed with some of the biggest names in golf — McIlroy,

Oosthuizen, Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and Dustin Johnson — the 23-year-old from Northern Ireland took a giant leap toward establishing himself as the best in the game.

With four birdies in six holes at the start, and limiting the damage from his mistakes at the end, McIlroy closed with a 4-under 67 for a one-shot victory over Oosthuizen, joining Woods as the only three-time winners this year on the PGA Tour.

McIlroy goes to No. 1 in the FedEx Cup. And with one of his wins being the PGA Championship, that might be enough for his peers to vote him PGA Tour player of the year. He also has a comfortable gap in the world ranking, and could be tough to catch the rest of the year unless Woods were to win the next two FedEx Cup events.

"He's not No. 1 in the world for nothing," Oosthuizen said. "He's a great young talent, a lot of majors left for him to win. He's such a cool kid on the course. It's great playing with him. He makes tough shots look really sometimes, especially long irons."

"I don't think the back nine

he hit the ball that great after what he did on the front nine, but he did what he had to do."

Woods made an early charge to get back in the hunt, though he never got closer than three shots until a two-putt birdie on the par-5 18th gave him a 66. He finished in third place, two shots behind, and earned enough money to become the first player to surpass \$100 million in PGA Tour earnings.

Woods attributed that to higher purses, though he's responsible for those.

"I think we got some interest in the game of golf," Woods said. "A lot more youth, that's for sure."

One of those kids — McIlroy — keeps winning. The Honda Classic in March. The record eight-shot win in the PGA Championship. And now a FedEx Cup playoff event in Boston.

"Three is a great number," McIlroy said. "I'd like to make it four — or five — after the FedEx Cup."

Phil Mickelson also had a 66 and tied for fourth, along with Dustin Johnson, who had a 70 and likely played his way onto the Ryder Cup team. Brandt Snedeker



Louis Oosthuizen, left, of South Africa, hugs Rory McIlroy, right, of Northern Ireland, after McIlroy won the Deutsche Bank Championship PGA golf tournament at TPC Boston in Norton, Mass., Monday, Sept. 3, 2012. Oosthuizen finished second.

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made a strong case for a captain's pick with a 65-67 weekend to finish sixth. Davis Love III will announce his four picks Tuesday morning in New York.

McIlroy had a three-shot lead with six holes to play, and only a clutch bogey putt on the 17th hole kept him from losing all of his lead. □

Woods tops \$100 million in earnings

JIMMY GOLEN
AP Sports Writer
NORTON, Massachusetts (AP) — Tiger Woods has become the first \$100 million man on the PGA Tour.

Woods finished third Monday in the Deutsche Bank Championship and made \$544,000, pushing his career total to \$100,350,700. Next on the list is Phil Mickelson, who finished fourth at the TPC Boston and has \$66,805,498.

"The purse increase helps," Woods said after a final-round 66 left him two strokes behind winner Rory McIlroy in the second week of the four-tour-

namment FedEx Cup playoff. "I won fewer tournaments than Sam Snead has, but obviously he was in a different era. It's just that we happened to time it up right and happened to play well when the purses really had a nice spike up."

Snead, the career leader with 82 PGA Tour victories, earned just \$620,126 in a career that started in 1937. His biggest prize was \$28,000 for a second-place finish in Milwaukee in 1968, and for most of his prime he played in tournaments with a total purse — that's all the payouts combined — of less than

\$100,000.

Woods has won 74 tournaments, second all-time, including 38 times with a first prize of \$1 million or more. His winnings come out to an average of \$362,276.89 for each of his 277 career starts.

But it's not just good timing: Prize money skyrocketed on the PGA Tour after Woods went pro and brought huge crowds and television audiences to the sport.

"It was nice to have a nice start to my career, and I won some majors early," he said. □



Tiger Woods reacts after missing a putt on the 15th hole during the final round of the Deutsche Bank Championship PGA golf tournament at TPC Boston in Norton, Mass., Monday, Sept. 3, 2012.

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Detwiler, LaRoche give Nationals 1st winning year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ross Detwiler allowed four hits in seven shutout innings and Adam LaRoche homered Monday, giving the Washington Nationals their first winning season with a 2-1 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

The NL East-leading Nationals improved to 82-52. The club moved from Montreal to Washington for the 2005 season and went 81-81 that year. In 2008 and 2009, the team lost a combined 205 games, then finished 80-81 in 2011.

The Nationals' win allowed them to hold their 6½-game division lead over Atlanta. Detwiler (9-6) struck out three and walked three, allowing only one runner to reach third.

Jeff Samardzija (8-13) gave up a long home run to LaRoche to lead off the second. Tyler Clippard allowed two hits and a two-out RBI single to Welington Castillo in the ninth. Clippard threw the ball away for an error and allowed pinch-runner Tony Campana advance to second before striking out Josh Vitters for his 30th



Chicago Cubs' Tony Campana dives back to first base as Washington Nationals' Adam LaRoche tries to field a pick-off attempt by pitcher Tyler Clippard during the ninth inning of their baseball game at Nationals Park, Monday, Sept. 3, 2012, in Washington. The ball got away from LaRoche and Campana advanced to second base on the wild throw. The Nationals won 2-1.

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save in 33 opportunities.

PHILLIES 4, REDS 2

CINCINNATI (AP) — Jimmy Rollins hit a three-run homer off Johnny Cueto during a cloudburst that sent fans scurrying for cover, leading Philadelphia over Cincinnati.

John Mayberry Jr. added a solo homer off Cueto (17-7), who failed in his attempt to become the majors' first 18-game winner. Cueto also lost a day game for

the first time this season — he'd been 11-0 in 13 afternoon starts.

Rookie right-hander Tyler Clond (1-1) got his first major league hit and win. He singled ahead of Rollins' homer to extend the inning. The 25-year-old gave up four hits, including Jay Bruce's 30th homer, and struck out nine in seven innings.

GIANTS 9, DIAMONDBACKS 8

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Marco Scutaro hit an RBI single in the 10th inning after Buster Posey's tying double in the ninth as San Francisco rallied to beat Arizona.

Brandon Crawford beat out a single to short leading off the 10th and moved to second when Brett Pill dropped a sacrifice bunt. Angel Pagan grounded out to first to advance Crawford.

Scutaro sent the final fast-ball from Bryan Shaw (1-5) past diving third baseman Chris Johnson for San Francisco's seventh walk-off win. Scutaro also doubled and scored the tying run in the ninth to help hand J.J. Putz his second straight blown save.

Sergio Romo (4-2) pitched a perfect 10th for the Giants.

ASTROS 5, PIRATES 1

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Brett Wallace had three hits, including a three-run homer, to lift Houston past struggling Pittsburgh.

Edgar Gonzalez (1-0) picked up his first win as a starter in more than four years, giving up a run on five hits in 5 1-3 innings as the Astros won for just the third time since interim manager Tony DeFrancesco took over two weeks ago. Gonzalez struck out five and walked just one.

Jeff Locke (0-1) ran into trouble early and never recovered as the Pirates dropped their fourth straight in the race for the NL's second wild card spot. □

MOTORSPORTS

Hamlin pulls out 2nd straight Cup win in Atlanta

PAUL NEWBERRY

AP Sports Writer

HAMPTON, Georgia (AP)

— Denny Hamlin won his second straight Sprint Cup race Sunday, holding off Jeff Gordon in a green-white-checkered finish at Atlanta Motor Speedway. Martin Truex Jr. appeared to be positioned for his first win since 2007 until Jamie McMurray smashed the wall on the front straightaway, bringing out a caution with three laps to go. The leaders went to pit road, and Hamlin's crew got him back on the track first, just ahead of Truex.

While Truex struggled to get up to speed on the restart, Hamlin pulled away with Gordon right on his bumper. The four-time Cup champion desperately needed a win to improve his chances of getting into



Denny Hamlin does a burnout after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Atlanta Motor Speedway, Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012, in Hampton, Ga.

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the Chase, but couldn't get by Hamlin on the final lap.

Hamlin took his series-leading fourth victory, putting him in position to top the standings when the 12-driver Chase starts after next weekend's race at Rich-

mond.

"I wanted this one real bad," said Hamlin, the winner last week at Bristol. "The car faded a little bit, but the pit crew won me that race. That's what a championship team is all about. This year, I think we have it

all."

Brad Keselowski finished third, and Truex faded to fourth.

Along with Hamlin, eight other drivers have locked up their spot in the Chase based on points: Greg Biffle, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Matt Kenseth, Jimmie Johnson, Truex, Keselowski, Clint Bowyer and Kevin Harvick. Defending Cup champion Tony Stewart, who has three wins this season, is assured of at least a wild card.

Gordon was kicking himself for failing to pull off the pass on Hamlin, saying he was too tentative going into turn three. Now, he'll likely have to win at Richmond to claim a wild card. "I guess I'm getting soft in my old age," Gordon quipped.

It was another tough night

for last year's Cup runner-up, Carl Edwards, who came in desperately needing a win to lock up a spot in the Chase. The No. 99 car started smoking on lap 264, apparently from a blown piston. He was done for the night, a devastating blow to his chances.

Edwards lost the 2011 championship to Stewart on a tiebreaker in the final race of the season. Now, he's got to win next week at Richmond — and even that may not be enough to get him into the playoff.

The race was uneventful most of the night. Kyle Busch dominated early on. Then it was Harvick surging to the front, before Hamlin took at extended turn leading the field. At the end, it looked like Truex would make it to victory lane — until that final caution came out. □

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AL Capsules

Saunders, Orioles beat Blue Jays, cut AL East gap

TORONTO (AP) — Joe Saunders and three relievers combined on a three-hitter and the charging Baltimore Orioles blanked Toronto 4-0 Monday, cutting their AL East deficit to one game. The Orioles, who took two of three at Yankee Stadium over the weekend, moved even closer to New York. The Yankees lost 4-3 at Tampa Bay.

J.J. Hardy drove in two runs as the Orioles won for the eighth time in 10 games. Their one-game gap marks

the closest anyone has been to the Yankees since mid-June.

Acquired recently from Arizona, Saunders (1-1) retired the first 17 Blue Jays batters before Adeiny Hechavarria lined a two-out single to center in the sixth inning.

J.A. Happ (3-2) allowed three runs, two earned, and six hits in five-plus innings. He walked two and struck out nine.

RAYS 4, YANKEES 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — James Shields pitched eight



Baltimore Orioles' Joe Saunders works against Toronto Blue Jays during the fifth inning of their baseball game in Toronto on Monday, Sept. 3, 2012.

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WNBA Roundup

McCoughtry leads Dream past Sun 87-80

ATLANTA (AP) — Angel McCoughtry returned from a two-game team suspension to score 18 of her 24 points in the fourth quarter and lead the Atlanta Dream to an 87-80 victory over the Connecticut Sun on Sunday.

The WNBA's leading scorer made seven of eight shots as the Dream (14-13) pulled away from a third-quarter tie. Sancho Lyttle and Erika DeSouza each had double-doubles, with Lyttle getting 15 points and 13 rebounds and DeSouza contribution 14 and 12.

Kara Lawson had 16 points and Danielle McCray scored a season-high 15 — 13 in the final quarter — for the Sun (19-7). Tina Charles had 11 points and 11 rebounds.

McCoughtry was suspended for a violation of unspecified team policy by coach Fred Williams on Monday after he replaced the fired Marynell Meadors.

SKY 85, SPARKS 74

At Rosemont, Illinois, Epiphanny Prince scored 17 points and Courtney Vandersloot added 15 to help Chicago win for just the second time in 13 games.

Sylvia Fowles, who played sparingly in a loss to Indiana on Saturday due to a leg injury, finished with 14 points and nine rebounds as the Sky (10-16) pulled into a tie with New York for the fourth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. Swin Cash and Shay Murphy added 13 points and Tamera Young scored 11.

Kristi Toliver had 19 points and Alana Beard added 16 for the Sparks (19-8), who fell three games behind first-place Minnesota in the Western Conference. Candice Parker, who grew up in nearby Naperville, Ill., had 15 points and nine rebounds, and rookie Nneka Ogwumike scored 11 points. □

strong innings to outlast CC Sabathia and light-hitting Chris Gimenez drove in two runs, helping the Rays beat the Yankees.

The Yankees, who led by 10 games earlier this summer, had their edge cut to one game by Baltimore, which beat Toronto 4-0. The Rays moved within 2 1-2 games of New York.

Shields (13-8) and the Rays ruined the return of Alex Rodriguez.

The slugger went 1 for 4 with a strikeout in his first game after being sidelined six weeks with a broken left hand.

Gimenez broke a 3-all tie in the eighth with a two-out grounder that just made it to the outfield for a single off David Robertson (1-5).

INDIANS 3, TIGERS 2

DETROIT (AP) — Asdrubal Cabrera's tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the seventh inning lifted the Indians to a

win over the Tigers, giving right-hander Corey Kluber his first career victory.

The game was tied at 2 in the seventh when reliever Darin Downs (1-1) allowed two singles and a walk to load the bases with one out. Cabrera then lifted a fly to center off Brayan Villarreal.

Kluber (1-3) allowed two runs and six hits in six innings in his seventh career start. He struck out four and walked one.

Vinnie Pestano allowed two baserunners in the ninth but escaped for his second save.

RANGERS 8, ROYALS 4

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP) — Yu Darvish retired the first 17 batters, Texas hit five home runs and the Rangers beat the Royals in a game that turned testy.

Adrian Beltre and Nelson Cruz homered on consecutive pitches in the sixth in-

ning. Cruz watched his drive sail over the wall, then was hit by Louis Coleman's first pitch leading off the ninth. Cruz took a few steps to the mound, but was restrained by catcher Brayan Pena. The dugouts and bullpens emptied, but only words were exchanged.

Michael Young answered that by homering on the next pitch.

Darvish (14-9) was pulled after the seventh and struck out six, including five in the first three innings, and walked one.

Bruce Chen (10-11) allowed six runs on six hits, four of them home runs.

ANGELS 8, ATHLETICS 3

OAKLAND, California (AP) — Chris Iannetta hit a two-run homer in a three-hit day, Vernon Wells had a solo shot and RBI single, and the Angels snapped the Athletics' season-best nine-game winning streak. □

Personal Health:

Too young to have a stroke? Think again

JANE E. BRODY

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Six years ago, Todd McGee was a lean, athletic 34-year-old working in construction and living with his wife and toddler daughter on Martha's Vineyard, where he spent summer weekends surfing. A stroke changed his life forever.

Today, with one arm useless and difficulty speaking, McGee, now 40, cannot work. He devotes most of his time to keeping as healthy as possible.

Although he is able to drive and care for his daughter, now 7, everything takes longer, and he has trouble concentrating even on routine activities that others take in stride, like grocery shopping.

"I definitely wish I had my old life back, building houses and boats and surfing in my spare time," he said.

His experience, complicated by a serious delay in diagnosis, is a powerful reminder that strokes can and do happen to young people. The sooner the correct diagnosis is made, the less likely the result will be lifelong impairment.

Although a vast majority of strokes occur in people over age 65 (the risk is 30 to 50 per 1,000 in this age group), 10 percent to 15 percent affect people age 45 and younger (a risk of 1 in 1,000). A study by doctors at the Wayne State University-Detroit Medical Center

Stroke Program found that among 57 young stroke victims, 1 in 7 were given a misdiagnosis of vertigo, migraine, alcohol intoxication, seizure, inner ear

suddenly, even if they seem trivial, warrant a meticulous work-up," he added.

Follow-up analyses of the Detroit study showed that patients seen by a neu-



Up to 15% of strokes affect people aged 45 and younger, and the sooner the correct diagnosis is made, the less likely the result will be lifelong impairment.

(Yvetta Fedorova/The New York Times)

disorder or other problems – and sent home without proper treatment.

"Although young stroke victims benefit the most from early treatment, it must be administered within 4 1/2 hours," said Dr. Seemant Chaturvedi, a neurologist at Wayne State who directs the program and led the study. "After 48 to 72 hours, there are no major interventions available to improve stroke outcome."

"Symptoms that appear

rologist in the emergency room, as well as those who were given an MRI as part of the initial work-up, were less likely to receive a misdiagnosis.

"Patients, too, should be aware of the risk of stroke regardless of their age," Chaturvedi said in an interview. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have reported a steep increase in strokes among people in their 30s and 40s. □

Medical marijuana backers seek inroads in deep South

By ANDREW DeMILLO

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) —

The home state of the president who didn't inhale has become an unlikely front in the battle over medical marijuana.

This fall, Arkansas will be the first Southern state to ask voters whether to legalize medical uses for pot, a move that offers supporters a rare chance to make inroads in a region that has resisted easing any restrictions on the drug.

The state's top elected officials and law enforcement agencies oppose the idea, but legalization groups hope the referendum shows that medical marijuana is no longer solely the domain of East Coast or Western states.

"This is an issue that hasn't been ready for primetime yet in the South. It may be that it's starting to be, and that's a good thing," said Jill Harris, managing director of Drug Policy Action, the political arm of the Drug Policy Alliance.

The South and Midwest have remained mostly on the sidelines in the nation's marijuana-reform movement, which will also put proposals for full-scale legalization before voters this year in Colorado, Oregon and Washington state.

So far, 17 states and the District of Columbia have legalized medical marijuana in some form. Massachusetts voters are expected to vote on it in November, and another measure could appear on North Dakota's ballot.

Past efforts to put medical marijuana on the ballot in Arkansas have faltered, though voters in two cities in the state have approved referendums that encourage police to regard arrests for small amounts of marijuana as a low priority. Supporters of the current proposal mounted an organized and well-funded campaign that surprised many political observers. Arkansans for Compassionate Care, the group advocating for the measure, won ballot access after submitting far more than

the required 62,500 signatures.

Medical marijuana has never come before voters in the South partly because of the difficulty of getting such initiatives on the ballot. And conservative legislators throughout the region have not backed the efforts. That's why the Washington-based Marijuana Policy Project spent more than \$246,000 on the Arkansas initiative and is expected to spend more. The national group stepped in after polling showed strong support for the measure in Arkansas. Group leaders also cite a "symbolic" value in passing medical marijuana in the South.

"For some reason, public officials have been way behind public opinion on this issue," said Morgan Fox, communications manager for the agency. "Politicians are starting to realize that they don't have to worry about backlash."

Backlash over marijuana is nothing new for Arkansas public figures. The state's most famous political son, former President Bill Clinton, was ridiculed during his 1992 campaign for admitting that he used marijuana in college but insisting he didn't inhale.

And Joycelyn Elders, the Arkansas doctor who was named by Clinton to be surgeon general, drew criticism in office for suggesting that drug legalization should be studied. Elders, who is now an outspoken advocate of marijuana legalization, said she believes the Arkansas effort could pass with a strong education campaign.

"If we educate the people in Arkansas, we can do the right thing," Elders said.

Lacking any big-name supporters and facing opposition from some of the state's top elected officials, Arkansans for Compassionate Care is turning to patients in its campaign.

Kathy Reynolds said she used marijuana in 1992 to help her eat after undergoing breast cancer treatment and bone marrow transplants. □

Landowners, hunters face restrictions in effort to contain Chronic Wasting Disease

Mike Leggett

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AUSTIN, Texas -- Thanks to two positive tests from 32 mule deer collected in the desert near New Mexico earlier this summer, Texas is now one of 21 states with a Chronic Wasting Disease problem.

Last week, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department staff proposed a series of stringent rules for hunters and landowners in the Trans-Pecos and the western Panhandle.

The rules would be strictest in Hudspeth and Culberson counties. The TPW Commission voted to publish the proposed rules and solicit public comment before making the rules permanent. Archery season begins Sept. 29, standard deer season starts Nov. 3 and mule deer season begins on either Nov. 17 or Nov. 23, depending on the county.

"The quickest way for CWD to move in an area is in a trailer taking deer down the

highway," said Mitch Lockwood, the big game program director who made the rules presentation to the commission. "There's potential to spread the disease (through deer movement)." TPWD would establish a Containment Zone in the area where deer with CWD were collected, Lockwood said. Hunters in that zone would have mandatory check stations where TPWD personnel would collect brain samples to be tested for CWD. □

New digital music option thrives, although quietly

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The digital music company Spotify, which uses free song streams to lure people to paid subscriptions, has earned the music industry's approval by making money from listeners who might otherwise use their computers to download songs illegally.

In its shadow, another service, Muve Music, has quietly built one of the largest subscriber bases in the business by going after a part of the market that most digital companies have largely ignored: people who may not have computers at all.

Muve, a phone-based music plan sold through Cricket Wireless, offers unlimited song downloads for \$10 a month, tucked inconspicuously into a customer's monthly cellphone bill, which ranges from \$55 to \$65. In many ways its users defy the conventional profile of a digital music consumer. They are young and urban, yes, but instead of a laptop or a tablet, they use a phone for everything. Most earn less than \$35,000 a year and lack credit cards, so they prefer Cricket's month-to-month cash plan.

Since its introduction in January 2011, Muve has signed up 600,000 users, putting it in the league of Rhapsody, which has about 1 million subscribers, and Spotify. (Spotify has 4 million paying users in 15 countries but has not said how many of those are in the United States.) And Muve is poised for another growth spurt with a new line of phones that the company believes could bring in millions of new users.

"Cricket's customer is young, is ethnic, and tends to be middle and lower income," said Jeff Toig, the senior vice president of Muve Music. "This is not a segment of the market that the major technology companies innovate for."

Cricket, which has 6 million subscribers and is a subsidiary of Leap Wireless, will announce Wednesday the



Muve Music's display on a Cricket Wireless smartphone in an undated handout photo. Muve Music has built one of the largest subscriber bases in the business by going after young users who exclusively use their phones to go online. (Handout via The New York Times)

introduction of a line of Android phones for \$50 to \$70 a month. These plans automatically include Muve and are in addition to the Samsung, Huawei, HTC and other models on which Muve is an option.

The major companies see Muve as a way to develop loyal customers in an area that had been an industry blind spot. Each month, Cricket says, Muve users download more than 70 million songs and spend more than 30 hours listening. By comparison, Pandora users listen for an average of about 20 hours each month.

"It's a case study for how you execute a bundled music service," said Stephen Bryan, executive vice president for digital strategy and business development at the Warner Music Group.

Among Muve's advantages are that its primary customers – young, urban minorities – are some of the heaviest users of the Internet on cellphones. According to a study in June by the Pew Internet and American Life Project, blacks and Hispanics are more likely than whites to consider the phone their primary means of going online.

As part of Muve's music licensing deal, a portion of the \$10 monthly fee is earmarked for royalties and divided among record companies according to each label's share of downloads.

Amazon looking to harness the coming Cloud-computing future

QUENTIN HARDY

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SEATTLE – Within a few years, Amazon.com's creative destruction of both traditional book publishing and retail may be footnotes to the company's larger and more secretive gambit: giving anyone on the planet access to an almost unimaginable amount of computing power.

Every day, a startup called the Climate Corp. performs more than 10,000 simulations of the next two years' weather for more than 1 million locations in the United States. It then combines that with data on root structure and soil porosity to write crop insurance for thousands of farmers.

Another startup, called Cue, scans up to 500 million emails, Facebook updates and corporate documents to create a service that can outline the biography of a given person you meet, warn you to be home to receive a package or text a lunch guest that you are running late.

Each of these startups carries out computing tasks that a decade ago would have been impossible without a major investment in computers. Both of these companies, however, own little besides a few desktop computers. They and thousands of other companies now rent data storage and computer server time from Amazon.com, through its Amazon Web Services division, for what they say is a fraction of the cost of owning and running their own computers.

"I have 10 engineers, but without AWS I guarantee I'd need 60," says Daniel Gross, Cue's 20-year-old co-founder. "It just gets cheaper, and cheaper, and cheaper."

He figures Cue spends something under \$100,000 a month with Amazon, but would spend "probably \$2 million to do it ourselves, without the speed and flexibility."

He admits, "I don't even know what the ballpark number for a server is – for

me, it would be like knowing what the price of a sword is."

Cloud computing has been around for years, but it is now powering all kinds of new businesses around the globe, fast and with less capital.

Instagram, a 12-person photo-sharing company that was sold to Facebook for an estimated \$1 billion just 19 months after it opened, skipped the expenses and bother of setting up its own computer servers. EdX, a global online education program from

petition among computing giants. In June, Google fully launched a service similar to AWS. Microsoft is also in the business with its offering, Windows Azure.

If only for competitive reasons, Amazon doesn't say much about AWS. It, however, is estimated to bring in about \$1 billion to Amazon. Its three giant computer centers in the United States in Virginia, Oregon and California each consist of multiple buildings with thousands of servers.

There are others in Japan, Ireland, Singapore and



Andrew Jassy, head of the Amazon Web services division, at the office in Seattle. Amazon is quietly upending the world of business computing through its cloud operations, a vast resource that gives companies heavy computing power without the baseline costs.

(Stuart Isett/The New York Times)

the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard had over 120,000 students taking a single class together on AWS. Over 185 United States government agencies run some part of their services on AWS. Millions of people in Africa shop for cars online, using cheap smartphones connected to AWS servers located in California and Ireland.

"We are on a shift that is as momentous and as fundamental as the shift to the electrical grid," says Andrew R. Jassy, the head of AWS. "It's happening a lot faster than any of us thought."

He started AWS in 2006 with about three dozen employees. Amazon won't say how many people now work at AWS, but the company's website currently lists over 600 job openings. Amazon's efforts are just the start of a global com-

Brazil. And the pace of its expansion has quickened. It opened four of those regions in 2011 and is believed to be building a similar number now. Jeff Bezos, the chief executive of Amazon, is interested in setting up cloud-computing installations for other governments.

According to an executive with knowledge of Amazon's operation who was not authorized to speak publicly, just one of the 10 data centers in Amazon's Eastern United States region has more servers dedicated to cloud computing than does Rackspace, a public cloud company serving 180,000 businesses with more than 80,000 servers.

Eventually, however, Jassy said, "we believe at the highest level that AWS can be at least as big as our other businesses." □

Twitter's Chief Lawyer defends speech with revenue in mind

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SAN FRANCISCO – Alexander Macgillivray, Twitter's chief lawyer, says that fighting for free speech is more than a good idea. He thinks it is a competitive advantage for his company.

That conviction explains why he spends so much of Twitter's time and money going toe to toe with officers and apparatchiks both here and abroad. Last week, his legal team was fighting a court order to extract an Occupy Wall Street protester's Twitter posts. The week before, the team wrestled with Indian government officials seeking to take down missives they considered inflammatory. Last year, Macgillivray challenged the Justice Department in its hunt for WikiLeaks supporters who used Twitter to communicate.

"We value the reputation we have for defending and respecting the user's voice," Macgillivray said in an interview here at Twitter headquarters. "We think it's important to our company and the way users think about whether to use Twitter, as compared to other services."

It doesn't always work. And it sometimes collides awkwardly with another imperative Twitter faces: to turn its fire hose of public opinion into a profitable business. That imperative will become far more acute if the company goes public, and

Twitter confronts pressures to make money fast and play nice with the governments of countries in which it operates; most Twitter users live outside the United States and the company is opening offices overseas. That transformation makes his job all the more delicate. At a time when Internet companies control so much of what we can say and do online, can Twitter stand up for privacy, free expression and profitability all at the same time?

"They are going to have to monetize the data that they have and they can't rock the boat maybe," said Ryan Calo, a law professor at the University of Washington. "I don't predict Twitter is going to lose its way, but it's a moment to watch."

Jonathan Zittrain, one of his former professors at Harvard Law School, called it both a challenge and opportunity for Macgillivray, widely known as (AT)amac, his handle on Twitter, and one that could influence the Internet industry at large.

"If (AT)amac can help find a path through it, it may serve as a model for corporate responsibility for an Internet where more and more code and content is governed by corporate gatekeepers," Zittrain said via email. He added that the challenge for Macgillivray "is not only to pioneer a wise way through this thicket, but to implement it as Twitter's use continues to

explode. It's complex maintenance on a jet engine while the plane is in flight." Twitter hit some turbulence this summer, when it seemed to forget its principles. The company briefly suspended a British journalist, Guy Adams, who had used his Twitter feed to re-

to file a complaint with the company. Twitter in turn suspended Adams' account because it violated one of its own terms of service: Adams had disclosed an NBC executive's email address on Twitter.

Macgillivray ordered the account to be restored and

from a lawsuit. Macgillivray is nothing if not a seasoned corporate lawyer.

This kerfuffle reveals something of the identity crisis that Twitter faces. It is both a gadfly's bullhorn and a valuable stream of business intelligence. And with an \$8 billion valuation, its business strategy is being closely watched. Twitter has lately stepped up ways to draw advertising revenue while Wall Street waits for it to go public. Macgillivray insists that like a traditional media company that distributes information, Twitter, too, draws a hard line between the moneymaking side of the company and the content its users post. He calls it a church-state divide.

Other technology and communications companies have repeatedly stumbled on issues of free speech and privacy. Yahoo supplied information that helped Chinese authorities in 2005 convict a journalist. Google in 2010 withdrew from China after hackers from that country stole proprietary computer code and hacked into Gmail accounts of human rights activists. Google and Twitter both issue annual reports that tally information requests from individual countries; Facebook, that other trove of personal data, does not, and insists on the use of real names, which, its critics say, can endanger dissidents and others with unpopular opinions. □



Alex Macgillivray, Twitter's chief lawyer, at a meeting in San Francisco, Aug. 31, 2012. If Twitter goes public, it will confront pressures to make money quickly as well as to play nice with the governments of countries in which it operates, which could further complicate its efforts to stand up for privacy and free expression.

(Jim Wilson/The New York Times)

peatedly criticize the handling of Olympics coverage by NBC, a corporate partner of Twitter.

Silencing Adams led to public outrage (on Twitter, naturally). It fell on Macgillivray to explain, apologize and assuage. On the company blog, he confessed that a Twitter employee responsible for promoting corporate partnerships had been monitoring Adams' account and advised NBC

posted a public apology to Adams. It is "unacceptable," he said, for Twitter to scrutinize tweets, though he declined to say whether the offending employee was punished.

"We should not and cannot be in the business of proactively monitoring and flagging content, no matter who the user is," he wrote. The explicit mea culpa over the NBC criticism may also have protected Twitter

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Macau casino revenue grows 5.5% in August

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HONG KONG (AP) — Gambling revenue growth in Macau, the world's most lucrative casino market, picked up moderately last month after hitting a three-year low, data released Monday showed, as high-rolling gamblers raised their bets at tables in the semi-autonomous Chinese city. Revenue rose 5.5 percent to 26.1 billion patacas (\$3.3 billion) in August from the same month last year, according to data posted on the Macau gambling authority's website.

Macau's casino revenues have surged at double-digit rates in recent years thanks to big-spending Chinese gamblers. Revenue zoomed up 42 percent last year to \$33.5 billion, more than five times the amount earned on the Las Vegas Strip. But growth has cooled this year as China's economy has slowed.

In July, revenues rose just 1.5 percent, the slowest rate since mid-2009 and during the depths of the global recession.

The August figures ease some of the concern over the effect of China's slowdown on Macau, whose fortunes are highly dependent on wealthy gamblers from mainland China.

The data also showed that revenues were the second highest ever for Macau casinos, topped only by October 2011's 26.8 billion patacas. For the first eight months of the year, revenue rose 15 percent over the year before.

Macau, a former Portuguese colony that came back under Chinese control in 1999, is the only place in China where casino gambling is legal. Authorities ended a four-decade casino monopoly in 2002, transforming the city into an Asian gambling powerhouse by opening the way for foreign operators such as Las Vegas Sands Corp., Wynn Resorts, and MGM International to enter the market. □

China stimulus hopes buoy world markets

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LONDON (AP) — Markets started yet another potentially crucial week on a solid note as investors betted on more central bank action and that China would enact more stimulus measures following a dispiriting manufacturing survey. However, with Wall Street out of action because of the Labor Day holiday, the August trading lull continued into the first trading day of the new month.

Monday's trading was dominated by a survey suggesting that China's manufacturing sector was contracting.

Though that is a bad sign for the global economy, investors think it makes it more likely that the country's monetary authorities will ease monetary policy soon.

"August saw Chinese manufacturing activity hit a three-year low, prompting a return of the 'bad news is good news' trade as markets rose on expectation of some action from the Politburo in Beijing," said Chris Beauchamp, market analyst at IG Index.

Options available to Beijing include reducing interest rates, lowering the amount banks have to hold in reserve or increasing spending. China's economic

growth has already fallen to a three-year low of 7.6 percent in the second quarter.

Hopes that more stimulus in China was on the cards helped European markets

to contend with over the rest of the week, which culminates with Friday's U.S. nonfarm payrolls report for August.

But before then, all eyes will be on Thursday's European

Michael Hewson, markets analyst at CMC Markets, warned that markets "may once again be getting ahead of themselves" again as Draghi may wish to wait to hear the verdict of German constitutional court on the legality of the European Stability Mechanism, Europe's planned bailout fund. The ruling is expected on September 12.

Hopes that the ECB will play a more crucial role in the debt crisis have helped support the euro in recent weeks.

After nearly dropping to near two-year lows below \$1.20, the euro has pushed back above \$1.25. It's trading 0.14 percent higher Monday at \$1.2595.

The U.S. payroll figures, which often set the market tone for a week or two after their release, could be particularly important this month too. Last Friday, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke suggested that more central bank action was possible to support the U.S. economy so a bad set of data could mean persuade investors to think the Fed will act sooner rather than later. Previous Fed stimulus packages have shored up markets as the fresh liquidity on offer made its way round financial markets. □



Mannequins displaying fashion dresses for sale get shade from umbrellas at a shop along a Hutong alley in Beijing Monday, Sept. 3, 2012. China's manufacturing decelerated further in August while construction and services grew at a slow rate, according to two surveys Monday, adding to conflicting signals about whether the country's slowdown is bottoming out.

(AP Photo/Andy Wong)

post solid gains. Britain's FTSE 100 advanced 0.8 percent to 5,758 while Germany's DAX added 0.6 percent to 7,014. The CAC-40 in France was 1.19 percent higher at 3,453.

Investors around the world will have a number of issues

Central Bank monthly policy meeting. Its president, Mario Draghi, is expected to announce details of a new bond-buying program that's intended to keep a lid on the borrowing costs of countries like Spain and Italy.

Stakes high for ECB Chief amid restless markets

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FRANKFURT, Germany — The last time Mario Draghi addressed the news media after a meeting of the European Central Bank, on Aug. 2, he disappointed investors who wanted him to crack his whip and immediately bring bond markets to heel. The markets dropped even before Draghi was done speaking.

Only in subsequent days and weeks did the bond markets calm down, as investors evidently absorbed his underlying message: that the central bank intended to take meaningful measures against the euro debt crisis even if quick

remedies were not possible.

But this Thursday, when the central bank meets again, Draghi, the bank's president, could have a far harder time reconciling the expectations of twitchy financial markets with the limitations of his power. Although investors are counting on bold action, analysts say the bank probably needs more time to resolve internal differences and deliver on a promise to use its financial clout to tame runaway borrowing costs for the most troubled eurozone countries.

"Market expectation of Draghi's ability to maneuver may be exaggerated,"

said Marie Diron, a former economist at the central bank who advises the consulting firm Ernst & Young. "That could lead to a sell-off."

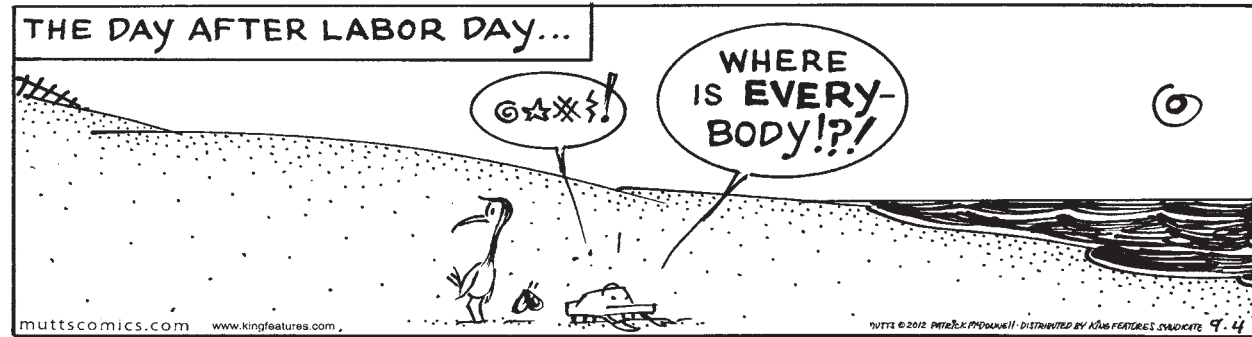
Some analysts do expect the central bank to cut the benchmark interest rate to 0.5 percent Thursday, from its already record low level of 0.75 percent. Although that reduction might not impress investors as much as a bold intervention in the bond market, it could at least indicate Draghi's commitment to his July promise of doing whatever it takes to preserve the euro.

The bank meeting is probably the central event, but

not the only one, in what is likely to be a busy week for the eurozone. Political leaders will also continue making the rounds of one another's capitals to plot crisis strategy.

One of the most closely watched meetings, also Thursday, will take place when Angela Merkel, the German chancellor, visits the Spanish prime minister, Mariano Rajoy, in Madrid. Spain's debt drama seems to have entered a dangerous phase, with some of the country's biggest regions requesting financial aid from a central government already staggered by its own high borrowing costs. □

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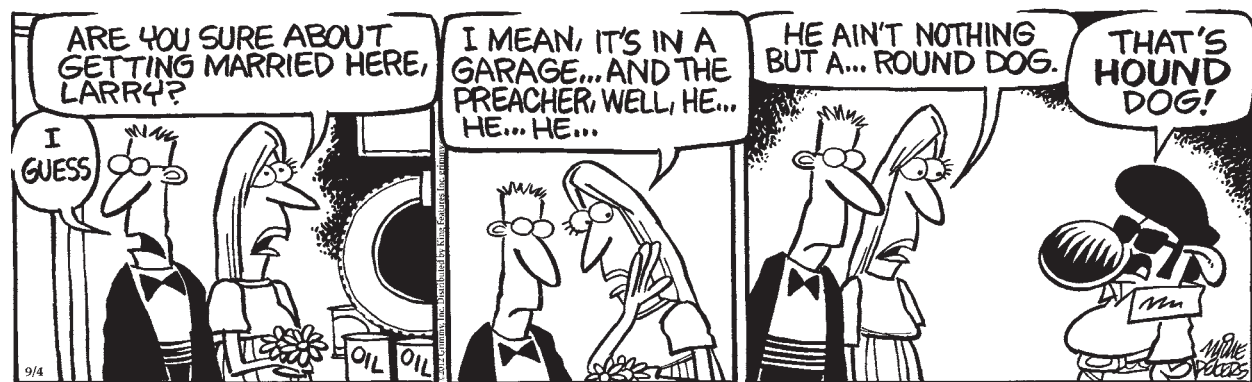
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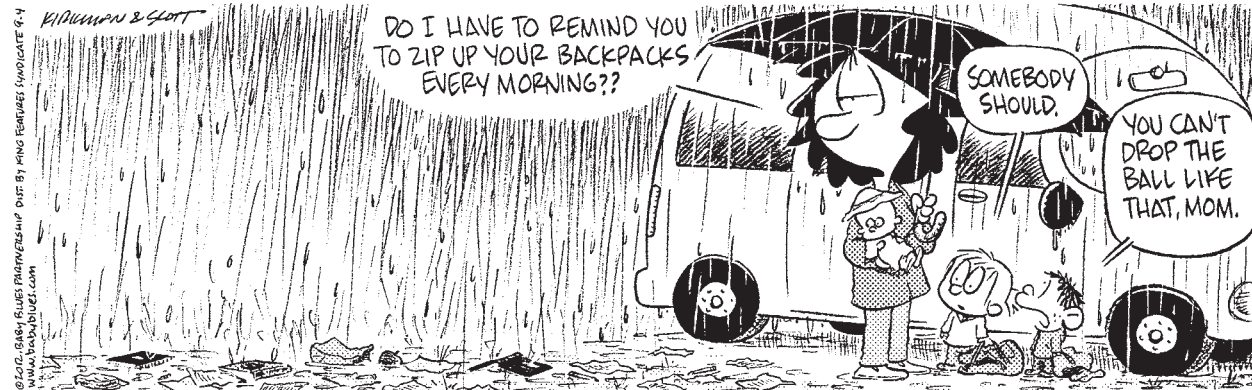
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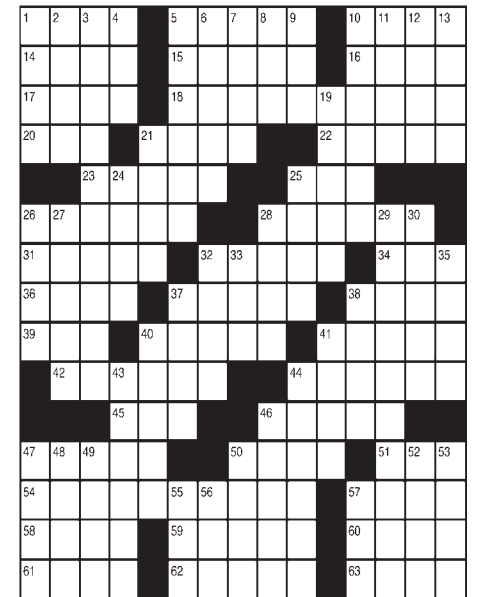
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A 'Love Song' to the South, back from the brink

By CHRISTINE HAUGHNEY
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CHARLESTON, S.C. — Among the many magazines that were battered by the recession, few survived such

editor-in-chief, recalled that when the magazine's color printer broke, the staff didn't have the money to replace it for two months. They had to print out proofs

and Twitter. But now, its provocative name and contrarian approach seem to be paying off in a struggling magazine industry. With advertisers like Audi, Le Creuset and Brooks Brothers on board, the magazine's owners forecast that it could be profitable for the first time this year. While circulation is slipping across the magazine industry, Garden & Gun's circulation grew to

237,837 subscribers in December 2011 from 210,172 the year before, according to the Audit Bureau of Circulations. The magazine, based out of a 200-year-old former pharmacy on Charleston's historic King Street, was founded as what Jessica Hundhausen Derrick, its vice president and brand development director, described as "a love song to the South." □



One of many inspiration boards that litter the office walls of Garden and Gun magazine in Charleston, S.C., Aug. 30, 2012. Since losing financial support from its publisher in 2009, the Southern lifestyle magazine Garden & Gun has made an impressive recovery, adding more than 20,000 subscribers in 2011.

(Kate Thornton/The New York Times)

a precarious financial state as Garden & Gun. In 2009, the 2-year-old Southern lifestyle magazine lost financial support from its first publisher. Its staffers, many of whom had relocated from New York City to work here, were left with dwindling buyout packages and the promise of freelance pay. Real estate developers could no longer afford to buy advertisements, and some new prospects said they would not give a cent to the magazine until the owners took "gun" out of its title.

David DiBenedetto, the

at a nearby Kinko's. "You didn't know if you would be there the next week," DiBenedetto said as he picked over a lunch of peach soup, fried green tomatoes and catfish at Charleston's Husk restaurant. He and his wife moved here from New York so he could work at Garden & Gun. "You just didn't know if the lights would be on." It didn't help that Garden & Gun's spare layouts and meandering prose differed radically from the shorter, flashier stories many magazines were moving toward to compete with Facebook



Dave DiBenedetto, the editor in chief of Garden and Gun magazine, in his office with Margaret Houston, assistant photo editor, in Charleston, S.C., Aug. 30, 2012. Since losing financial support from its publisher in 2009, the Southern lifestyle magazine Garden & Gun has made an impressive recovery, adding more than 20,000 subscribers in 2011.

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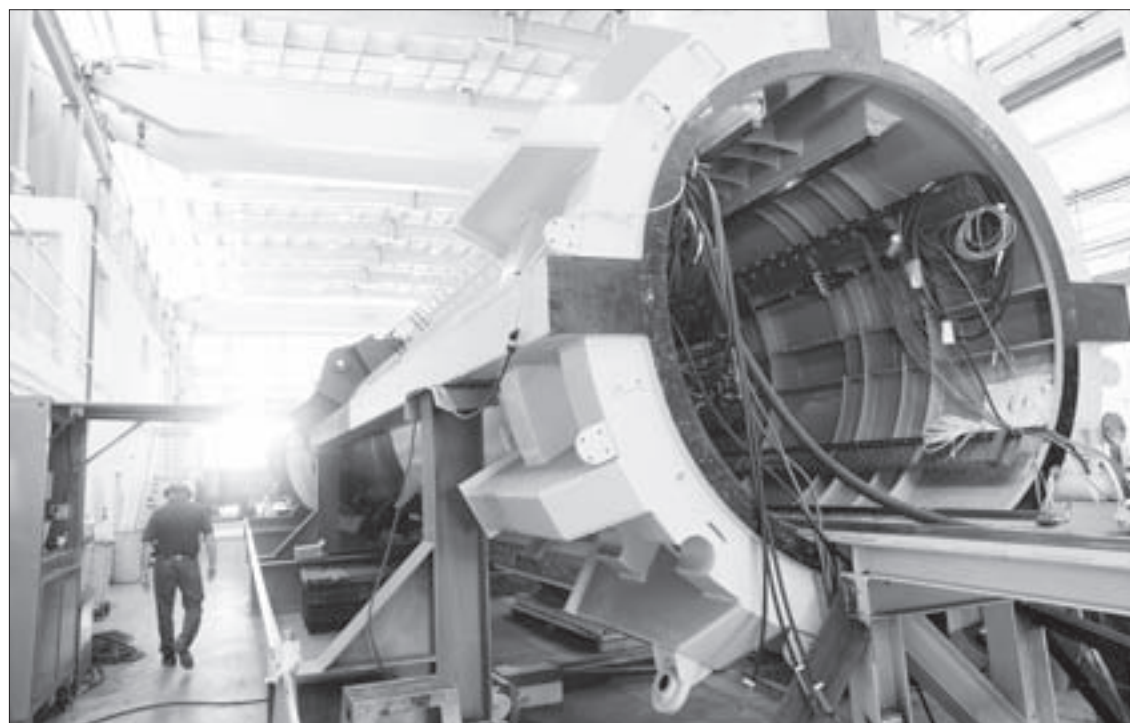
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PORTLAND, Ore. – About 15 years ago, this environmentally conscious state with a pine tree on its license plates began pushing the idea of making renewable energy from the ocean waves that bob and swell on the Pacific horizon. But then one of the first test-buoy generators, launched with great fanfare, promptly sank. It was not a good start.

But time and technology turned the page, and now the first commercially licensed grid-connected wave-energy device in the nation, designed by a New Jersey company, Ocean Power Technologies, is in its final weeks of testing before a planned launch in October. The federal permit for up to 10 generators came last month, enough, the company says, to power about 1,000 homes. When engineers are satisfied that everything is ready, a barge will carry the 260-ton pioneer to its anchoring spot about two and a half



A grid-connected wave-energy buoy, designed by Ocean Power Technologies, at Oregon Iron Works for its final stages of testing, in Vancouver, Wash., Aug. 24, 2012. The buoy, the first commercially-licensed of its type in the nation, is planned for launch near the town of Reedsport, Ore., in October.

(Thomas Patterson/The New York Times)

miles offshore near the city of Reedsport, on the central coast.

"All eyes are on the OPT buoy," said Jason Busch, the executive director of the Oregon Wave Energy Trust, a nonprofit state-financed group that has spent \$10 million in the last six years on scientific wave-energy research and grants, including more than \$430,000 to Ocean Power Technologies alone. Mak-

ing lots of electricity on the buoy and getting it to shore to turn on lights would be great, Busch said. Riding out the storm-tossed seas through winter? Priceless.

"It has to survive," he said. Adding to the breath-holding nature of the moment, energy experts and state officials said, is that Oregon is also in the final stages of a long-term coastal mapping and planning project that is aiming to produce,

by late this year or early next, a blueprint for where wave energy could be encouraged or discouraged based on potential conflicts with fishing, crabbing and other marine uses.

The project's leader, Paul Klarin, said wave technology is so new, compared to, say, wind energy, that the designs are like a curiosity shop – all over the place in creative thinking about how to get the energy contained in a wave into a wire in a way that is cost-effective and efficient.

"Some are on the seabed on the ocean floor, some are in the water column, some are sitting on the surface, some project up from the surface into the atmosphere, like wind – many different sizes, many different forms, many different footprints," said Klarin, the marine program coordinator at the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development.

Energy development groups around the world are closely watching what happens here, because success or failure with the first United States commercial license could affect the flow of private investment by bigger companies that have mostly stayed on the shore while smaller entrepreneurs struggled in the surf.

Ocean Power Technologies also will be seeking money to build more generators. "Wave energy is very expensive to develop, and they need to see that there is a potential worldwide," said Antonio Sarmiento, a professor at Lisbon Technical University and the director of the Wave Energy Centre, a private nonprofit group based in Portugal. "In that sense, having the first commercial deployment in the U.S. is very, very positive."

Here in Oregon, the momentum of research appears to be increasing. Last month, the Northwest National Marine Renewable Energy Center – financed by the United States Department of Energy in collaboration with Oregon State University and the University of Washington – deployed one of the first public wave energy testing systems in the nation, called Ocean Sentinel, about two and a half hours from Portland, in Newport. The first device tested was a half-scale prototype from a New Zealand company. Fishing industry lobbyists and lawyers worry that a surge of wave energy could repeat what happened when hydroelectricity came to the Pacific Northwest in a big way starting in the 1930s. □



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'Green Mile' Actor Michael Clarke Duncan dies at 54

STEVE LOEPER

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Clarke Duncan, the hulking, prolific character actor whose dozens of films included an Oscar-nominated performance as a death row inmate in "The Green Mile" and such other box office hits as "Armageddon," "Planet of the Apes" and "Kung Fu Panda," is dead at age 54. Clarke died Monday morning at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, where he was being treated for a heart attack, said his fiancée, reality TV personality Rev. Omarosa Manigault, in a statement released by publicist Joy Fehily.

The muscular, 6-foot-4 Duncan, a former bodyguard who turned to acting in his 30s, "suffered a myocardial infarction on July 13 and never fully recovered," the statement said. "Manigault is grateful for all of your prayers and asks for privacy at this time. Celebrations of his life, both private and public, will be announced at a later date."

In the spring of 2012, Clarke had appeared in a video for PETA, the animal rights organization, in which he spoke of how much better he felt since becoming a vegetarian three years earlier.

"I cleared out my refrigerator, about \$5,000 worth of meat," he said. "I'm a lot healthier than I was when I was eating meat."

Duncan had a handful of minor roles before "The Green Mile" brought him an Academy Award nomination for best supporting actor. The 1999 film, based on the Stephen King novel of the same name, starred Tom Hanks as a corrections officer at a penitentiary in the 1930s. Duncan played John Coffey, a convicted murderer with a surprisingly gentle demeanor and extraordinary healing powers. Duncan's performance caught on with critics and moviegoers and he quickly became a favorite in Hollywood, appearing in sev-

eral films a year. He owed some of his good fortune to Bruce Willis, who recommended Duncan for "The Green Mile" after the two appeared together in "Armageddon." Clarke would work with Willis again in "Breakfast of Champions," "The Whole Nine Yards" and "Sin City."

His gravelly baritone alone was good enough for several animated movies, including, "Kung Fu Panda," "Delgo" and "Brother Bear." Among Clarke's television credits: "The Apprentice," "The Finder," "Two and a Half Men" and "The Suite Life of Zack and Cody." □



This Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012 photo shows actor Michael Clarke Duncan in New York. Duncan has died at the age of 54, his fiancée said on Monday, Sept. 3, 2012.

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Venice: 'Fill the Void' looks at Hasidic community

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Associated Press

VENICE, Italy (AP) — Israeli director Rama Burshtein provides an intimate look inside the private world of Tel Aviv's Hasidic community in the film "Fill the Void," which premiered this weekend in competition at the Venice Film Festival.

A Hasidic Jew herself, Burshtein said she wanted to create a portrait of family life within the community without presenting it in conflict with the secular world. "The Orthodox world is so interesting it does not need to cope with the secular," Burshtein told a news conference Sunday. "It can be very interesting and the drama can be very strong

inside."

The film is about an 18-year-old girl named Shira who struggles with whether she wants to marry her brother-in-law, Yochay, after her sister Esther dies giving birth. The decision is all Shira's, despite the strict formality within the community, and the movie ultimately is a story about facing a difficult decision and becoming a woman.

"It's all about emotions and choices and what leads you to do what you do," said actress Hadas Yaron, who played Shira. "I'm also young. But Shira is different from me because she is not familiar with all these feelings she experiences for the first time."



Director Rama Burshtein poses for the photo call of the film 'Fill the Void' at the 69th edition of the Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy, Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012.

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The movie shows intimate rituals of the Hasidic community, from Esther's funeral to her infant son's circumcision ceremony immediately after, Sabbath dinner and the workings of the matchmaker, who helps broker marriages as girls reach Shira's age. The community, while residing inside the bustling and

secular city of Tel Aviv, is very self-contained. In one scene, as the men study, someone gets up to close the windows that allow sounds of secular Tel Aviv to drift inside.

"This moment in the movie really gives the idea of being in the environment," said Yiftach Klein, who plays the brother-in-law Yo-

chay.

Burshtein, 45, was born in New York and graduated from film school in Jerusalem in 1994. During that period, she became deeply religious. She has since been making films within the Orthodox community to help promote self-expression. "I love this world. I chose this world. I was not born to this world," she said. She said, however, that the Hasidic world did not appear inviting when she first contemplated it from the outside 20 years ago.

"Part of that was because how I thought they saw women," she said. Once inside, however, she said she found she liked traditional roles between men and women.

"I love my role as a woman. I feel it is true. I chose it. It doesn't stop me from doing films, but the way I see the home, between a man and a woman, I love it like this. It is more sexy." □

Marvel's Venom moving to Philly

MATT MOORE

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia's getting a new anti-hero — in the pages of Marvel Comics.

Marvel Entertainment LLC says that Venom, a brute with big teeth and an elongated tongue who's made a habit of sparring with Spider-Man, is leaving New York City to start fresh, and maybe learn to be a hero on the streets of Philadelphia.

Writer Cullen Bunn and Editor Tom Brennan, an alum of Philadelphia's Drexel University, said it's time Philly had a hero of its own, putting it in the same league as Los Angeles and New York, among other real-life cities that populate the fictional world of Marvel.

But is Venom — an alien symbiote bonded to Peter Parker's one-time high school rival Eugene "Flash" Thompson — the hero that Philly wants or needs?

It depends, said Bunn. Flash, who lost his legs in Iraq, has taken control of Venom to be able to walk again and work as a super-powered soldier and spy for the U.S. government. But his alcoholism and hab-



This comic book image released by Marvel Comics shows the Marvel anti-hero Venom. Associated Press

it of lying to his teammates has him at the bottom of a deep hole.

"Now, he's trying to do the right thing. He's reassessing what it means to be a hero. And he's looking for a fresh start," said Bunn. "This means a lot of things for Flash. He's surrounding himself with new people — such as tabloid journalist Katy Kiernan and his new love interest, the Asgardian Valkyrie. He's changing his approach to being a superhero. And he's looking for a change of scenery." □

Actor Russell Crowe gets lift after getting lost kayaking

COLLEEN LONG

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Oscar-winning actor Russell Crowe lost his way kayaking in the waters off New York's Long Island and was picked up by a U.S. Coast Guard boat and ferried to a harbor, officials said Sunday.

The 48-year-old actor was kayaking with a friend and launched from Cold Spring Harbor Saturday afternoon on the Long Island Sound, according to U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer Robert Swieciki. As it got dark, the two got lost and eventually headed for shore, beaching their kayaks in Huntington Bay, nearly 10 miles (16 kilometers) east from where they had set out.

The U.S. Coast Guard was patrolling the area, and heard Crowe call out to them from the shore around 10 p.m. local time, Swieciki said. The "Gladiator" actor, who Swieciki didn't recognize, and Crowe's friend



A photo provided by the U.S. Coast Guard shows Russell Crowe, center, with Coast Guard petty officers Robert Swieciki, left, and Thomas Watson Sunday Sept. 2, 2012. Crowe and a friend became disoriented while kayaking in Long Island Sound Sunday and called the Coast Guard for assistance.

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paddled over to the boat. The Coast Guard officers pulled them up and, along with their kayaks, gave them a ride to Huntington Harbor.

"He just needed a little bit of help, he just got a little lost," Swieciki said. "It wasn't really a rescue, really, more of just giving someone a lift." Swieciki said no one was

injured, and the two men were wearing life vests. He said the actor, who was grateful and friendly, seemed like he was a fairly experienced kayaker.

Crowe sent a Twitter message at about 1:30 a.m. Sunday local time thanking the officers, and saying he was out on the water for four and a half hours. □

It's Still Halftime In America



THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN
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TAMPA, Fla. — I sat through three days of speeches at the Republican convention here, but I confess that my mind often drifted off to thinking about Neil Armstrong, the first man to set foot on the moon.

Armstrong's passing really touched me, especially coinciding as it did with this election. Why? Because the America that launched Armstrong was an America that was embarked on a great and inspiring journey — one that spawned breakthroughs in science, medicine, computing and physics that made our country, and the world, a better place. What journey are we on today? Balancing the budget? Expanding health insurance? These are vital tools, but healthy to go where and balanced to do what?

I came to the GOP convention hoping to hear the Republican answer. Or, more specifically, I came to Tampa looking for Mitt Romney's Etch-A-Sketch, and all I got was a lousy T-shirt.

Sitting through all the speeches, it was clear to me that people who think Romney, having accepted the nomination, is now going to pivot to the center are fooling themselves. There is no organic connection between Romney and the GOP base. You could feel it in the hall. He is renting the party to fulfill his dream of becoming president, and they're renting him to get rid of President Barack Obama. But this is not Romney's party. I don't see him taking it back to his moderate past.

Ann Romney promised, in her speech, that her husband "will not fail." But she never said at doing what. That's not an accident. As Paul Ryan demonstrated, he and his band of Ayn Randians will employ any lies needed to disguise their true agenda of dismantling the New Deal. Ryan implied that Obama had failed to save a General Motors plant that was actually closed under George W. Bush; he blasted Obama for not taking responsibility for our job and fiscal deficits, while not acknowledging a whit of GOP responsibility for the Bush-era spending recklessness that dug these holes; Mitt Romney lashed out at Obama for leading from behind on foreign policy and then virtually ignored foreign policy in his speech. Almost every GOP speaker boasted of their immigrant roots, while the party remains the biggest opponent of immigration reform. It was a festival of hypocrisy — without shame. "We're not going to let our campaign be dictated by

fact-checkers," Neil Newhouse, the lead Romney pollster, told critics. Say what?

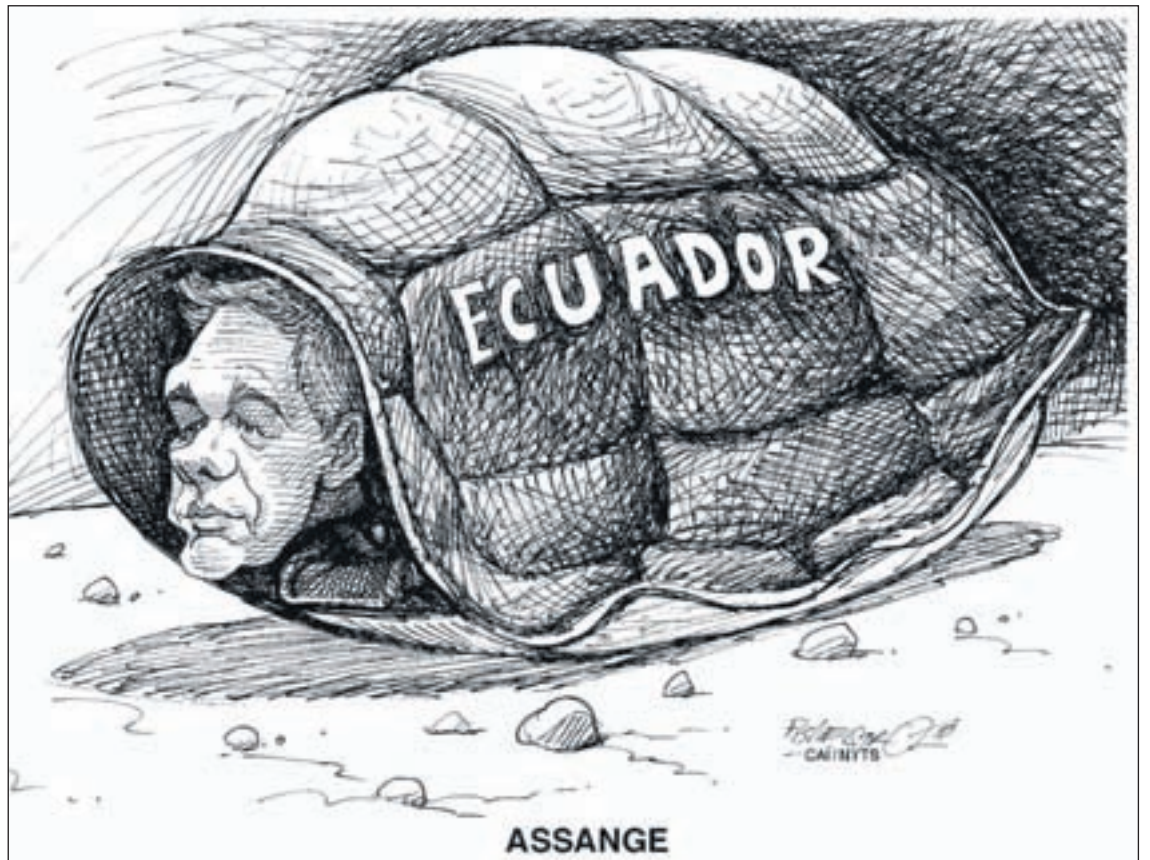
But I bet one line in Ryan's speech hit home with some undecided voters — when he said of Obama: "Now all that's left is a presidency adrift, surviving on slogans that already seem tired." Unlike Ryan, Obama is not giving speeches built on lies, but the truths that he's telling are very small. He is neither running on his own record nor the promise of a new journey. As I've said, this is the first election ever where both men are running as "I'm not Mitt Romney."

Dov Seidman, a business philosopher and CEO of LRN, points out that when President Kennedy launched America in 1962 "on a journey to the moon, he made a point of saying it would be done within the decade," and "it was such a powerful, inspiring and big vision that it lived on, even though the president himself died before it was completed." It's been a long time since any U.S. politician "launched the country on a journey of progress so inspiring that realizing it would have to extend beyond his term in office."

This election, notes Seidman, has largely been about "how to shift a tiny sliver of swing-state voters from one camp to the other, but no one is trying to elevate us, by taking us all, as a nation, on some daring new journey." And a journey is not just a speech. It has to come with a strategy to rally people behind it and generate the legislation and policies needed to implement it.

What goals could merit such a journey? Now that we have put a man on the moon, let's commit to keeping everyone in school. Let's commit that, within a decade, every American will have the tools for, and financial access to, some kind of post-secondary education — whether it is vocational school, community college or a four-year university. Because without some higher education that makes you "work ready" for one of today's good jobs and a lifelong-learner for one of tomorrow's, you'll never secure a decent job or realize your full potential here on Earth.

Or let's make America for the world what Cape Canaveral was to America — the world's greatest launching pad for new companies. Let's commit that, in the next decade, we'll create the dynamics to double the number of new companies started in America each year — from 500,000 to 1 million. That means combining immigration reform, new investments in research to push out the boundaries of science, vastly increasing the speed of our Internet, rebuilding our infrastructure and reforming the tax code. Whatever it costs, we will make it back times 10. Romney and Ryan denounced Obama for not touting "American exceptionalism." That's actually how a great country becomes unexceptional. You give up the great journeys and just assert your exceptionalism louder. □



Scaring The Voters In The Middle



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The claims of Rep. Todd Akin that women don't get pregnant from "legitimate rape" now live in infamy. But a few things you may not know:

— If an American woman in uniform is raped and becomes pregnant, Congress bars Tricare military insurance from paying for an abortion.

— If an American woman in the Peace Corps becomes pregnant, Congress bars coverage of an abortion — and there is no explicit exception even if she is raped or her life is in danger.

— When teenagers in places like Darfur, Congo or Somalia survive gang rapes, aid organizations cannot use U.S. funds to provide an abortion.

— A record number of states have curbed abortions in the last two years. According to the Guttmacher Institute, which follows reproductive health, 55 percent of U.S. women of reproductive age now live in one of the 26 states deemed "hostile to abortion rights."

— The Republican campaign platform denounces contraceptive education in schools. Instead, it advises kids to abstain from sex until marriage.

All this boggles the mind. Republican leaders in 2012 have a natural winning issue — the limping economy — but they seem determined to scare away centrist voters with extremist positions on

everything from abortion to sex education.

Most Americans do not fit perfectly into "pro-choice" or "pro-life" camps. Polls show that about one-fifth want abortion to be legal in all situations, and another one-fifth want abortion to be illegal always. The majority fall somewhere between, and these voters are the ones who decide elections.

Bill Clinton won their support with his pragmatic formula that abortion should be "safe, legal and rare." Then social conservatives won ground with a shrewd strategic decision to focus the abortion debate where they had the edge. They fought battles over extremely rare procedures they called "partial-birth abortion." They called for parental consent when a girl seeks an abortion, and for 24-hour waiting periods before an abortion. In polls, around two out of three Americans favor those kinds of restrictions. But change the situation, and people are more in favor of abortion rights. Four out of five Americans believe that a woman should be able to get an abortion if her health is endangered, or if the pregnancy is the result of rape.

So it's astonishing that Republicans would adopt an absolutist platform condemning abortion without offering an exception even for rape.

Mitt Romney insists that his position on abortion is crystal clear. In fact, his policy is so muddled that he doesn't seem to know it himself. So, Romney, let me help you out.

On your campaign website, you say that life begins at conception and that you favor overturning *Roe v. Wade*. As with the Republican Party platform, you give no indication there that you favor an exception for rape or to save a woman's life.

Likewise, you seemed to endorse a "personhood" initiative like the one in Mississippi last

year that would have treated a fertilized egg as a legal person. It failed because of concerns that an abortion, even to save a woman's life, could be legally considered murder. It might also have banned in vitro fertilization and some forms of birth control. These days, Romney, as you seek general-election voters, you insist that you do, in fact, accept abortion in cases of rape, incest or a pregnancy that endangers a woman's life. In an interview with CBS the other day, you added another exception, for the health of the mother.

Romney, if you don't know your own position on abortion, how are we supposed to understand it?

More broadly, you've allied yourself with social conservatives who are on a crusade that scares centrists and mystifies even many devout evangelicals. "Representative Akin's views don't represent me," Richard Cizik of the New Evangelical Partnership for the Common Good told me. "They also don't reflect the theological and ethical, not to mention scientific, view of evangelical leaders, who understand the rationale for exceptions: God's grace and mercy. Akin and company are the political and theological minority, but they have captured the GOP's platform process."

Americans are deeply conflicted on abortion, but I think most are repulsed by the Republican drive to impose ultrasounds — in some cases invasive ones — on women before an abortion. Five states now require a woman, before an abortion, to endure an ultrasound that may use a probe inserted into her vagina. Four of those states make no exception for a rape.

And if the Republican Party succeeds in defunding Planned Parenthood, the result will be more women dying of cervical cancer and fewer women getting contraception. □

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